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## AMERICAN FINANCIAL AID TO BE DISCUSSED

### NO BANK HOLIDAY AT XMAS

Britain will have no Christmas Bank Holiday this year, and there will be no Bank Holiday on Christmas Day in Scotland or on Boxing Day in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

War workers are officially asked to take one day off only—either on Christmas Day or New Year's Day—and there will be no extra travel facilities over the holiday period.

Giving guidance to industry in regard to working arrangements at Christmas and the New Year, the Ministry of Labour yesterday stated that the flow of production for war purposes is great and ever increasing in spite of the efforts of the enemy

### Lord Lothian's Comment Clarified

#### GREEKS TAKE 8,000 MORE PRISONERS

The Greeks have taken 8,000 more Italian prisoners in Albania, it was officially announced in Athens yesterday, says Reuter.

to impede it, but this is not the moment for any slackening off. The more the flow of production is accelerated the earlier will be the day of final victory.—Reuter.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD LOTHIAN, OF AMERICAN CREDITS TO BRITAIN, WAS MADE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

In reply to interrogation the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said the whole question of financial aid to Britain would apparently have to be considered by governmental and congressional authorities with a view to establishing a basic policy before specific methods were discussed.

Mr. Cordell Hull said he could not, without further study, express an opinion whether some form of assistance might be found possible without revision of the Johnson and Neutrality Acts by Congress.

It was announced at the White House that Lord Lothian would confer with President Roosevelt in the afternoon. Following a conference which President Roosevelt had with Congressional leaders yesterday Senator Barkley expressed the opinion that the question of British credits would not be taken up in the current session of Congress.

#### Answers To Questions

Interviewed by Reuter yesterday about queries from London on his statement to newspapermen on Saturday, Lord Lothian said these queries were clearly

based on a misunderstanding of what he had said and the circumstances in which his remarks were made.

Lord Lothian repeated that his remarks as regards Britain's financial position vis-à-vis America were made in answer to questions in regard to what aid the United States (Continued On Page 16)

### FOUR DIVISIONS CUT UP

(By Reuter's special correspondent in Greece)

Four Italian divisions, it is estimated, so far have been cut up and destroyed on the Albanian front since the outbreak of war, I was informed in Athens to-night.

It was added that the single armoured division consisting of two columns with which Italy began the war had been thoroughly dislocated and temporarily was practically useless.

Military experts confirmed that the general Greek advance was continuing and that several new strategic operations were developing, but at the same time they sounded a note of caution.

"Don't expect the Greek command to state in its communiqués everything it achieves," it was stated.—Reuter.

FORMATION REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE LONDON AREA.

Slight damage was done at three points in south-east England.

One enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off Dover.—Reuter.

### BULGARIA DISAPPOINTS AXIS POWERS

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. POPOFF, ARE NOT AFTER ALL GOING TO BERLIN, ACCORDING TO A DENIAL ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE ITALIAN STEFANI AGENCY WHICH THUS CANCELS STATEMENTS BROADCAST BY ROME RADIO ON SATURDAY.

Stefani yesterday quoted authorised circles as saying that no visit by Bulgarian politicians is for the present expected in the Reich capital.

"Enemy propaganda" is blamed for the reports.

In the meantime the speedy denial given by the official Soviet news agency to German newspaper reports regarding Hungary's adherence to the Tri-Partite Pact is interpreted by diplomatic circles in Moscow as a re-statement of the Soviet Union's neutrality and an affirmation that the Soviet stands outside the Axis.

The report concerned appeared in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" which declared that Hungary's adherence to the Pact was made with the approval and cooperation of the Soviet Union.

Apart from the Tass agency denial of this report no reaction has yet appeared to the Slovakian

adherence to the Pact or similar action on the part of Rumania and Hungary.—Reuter.

#### Soviet Leader Sees King Boris

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA YESTERDAY RECEIVED M. SOBOLOV, LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE DANUBE CONFERENCE.

SINCE HIS RECENT ARRIVAL IN SOFIA, M. SOBOLOV, ALSO HAD INTERVIEWS WITH THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. POPOFF.—REUTER.

### Ulster's New Premier

The new Prime Minister of Northern Ireland will be Mr. John Miller Andrews, who has been Minister of Finance in the Northern Ireland Cabinet since 1937.

Mr. Andrews succeeds the late Lord Craigavon, who died at his home suddenly two days ago.

Mr. Andrews will continue to hold the office of Minister of Finance, according to a statement issued officially after a meeting of the Northern Ireland Cabinet yesterday.

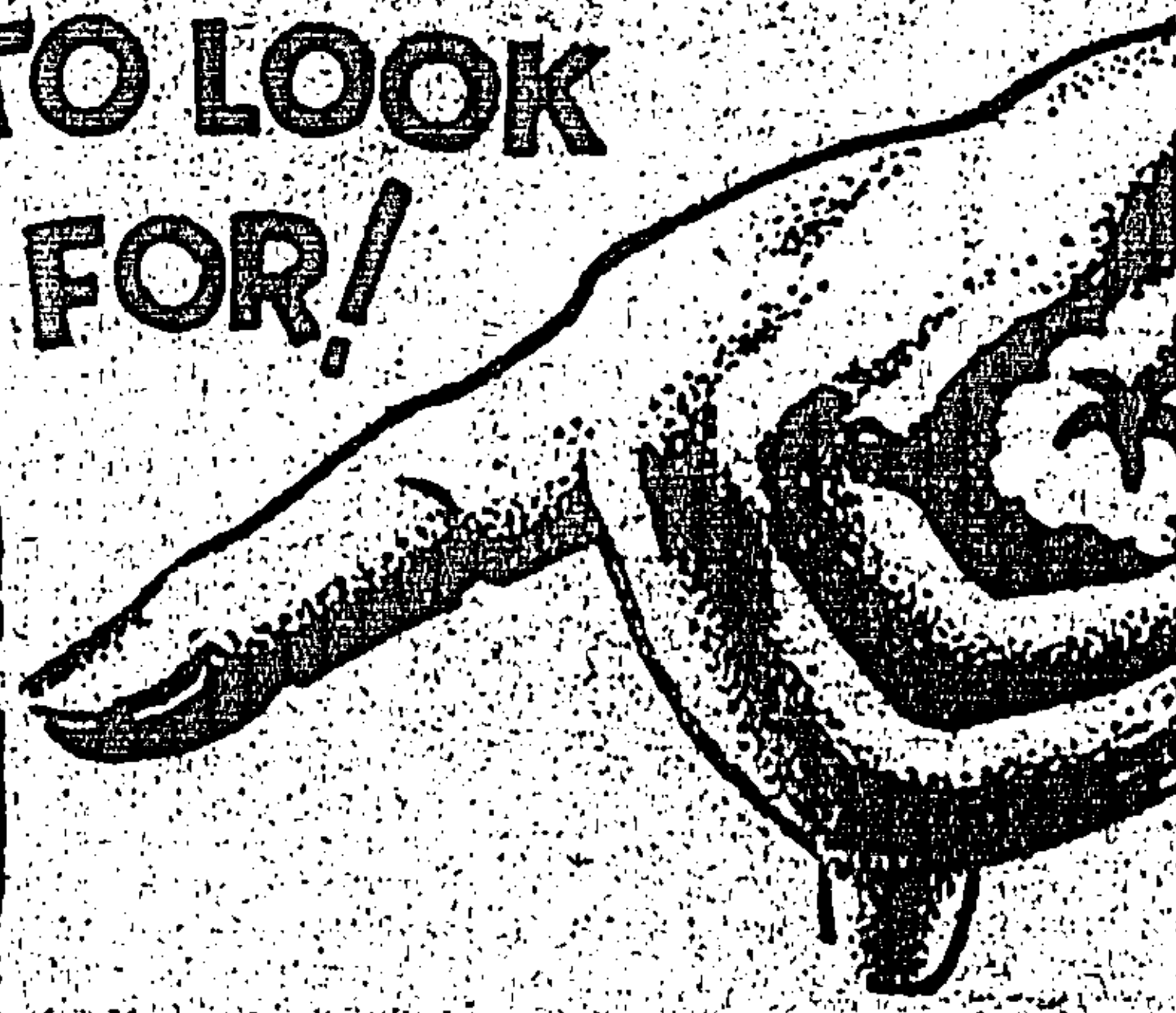
Mr. Andrews has accepted the office of Prime Minister until the Ulster Unionist Council has chosen a new party leader.

Mr. Andrews had been closely associated with the late Lord Craigavon and had been known as Lord Craigavon's right-hand man.—Reuter.

### RAIDERS INACTIVE

SEVERAL ENEMY BOMBERS, OPERATING SINGLY OR IN SMALL FORMATIONS, CROSSED THE SOUTH OR SOUTH-EAST COASTS OF ENGLAND SINCE DAWN YESTERDAY MORNING, BUT ONLY ONE SMALL

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# GREEK GAIN FOR ALLIED CAUSE

## Sir Hubert Gough On Heavy Defeat Of Italians Brings Final Triumph Nearer

(Specially Written for Reuter by General Sir Hubert Gough, the famous cavalry leader and commander of Britain's Fifth Army in France during 1916/1918).

BY GENERAL SIR HUBERT GOUGH

THE WAR IN GREECE, or rather the war against Greece for the Greeks have already carried the war into the enemy's country, has very materially altered the outlook of the whole war.

We in Britain have never doubted our victory but we are prepared for the war to last a long time. The heavy defeat of the Italians, even though it may yet prove only temporary, has gone a long way to bring victory much nearer.

Putting aside the great moral results which must always ensue from any important military success, though I would be the last to underestimate such effects, the material gains are already as great as they were unexpected.



A delightful study of "Patricia," the African Lioness at the London Zoo, and her three month old cub, "June," during a playful moment. (Copyright, Fox).

### GOT OUT IN TIME

The courage and resource of the men of the R.A.F. was exemplified yesterday by the pilot of a "Spitfire" who flew his damaged machine over the Channel at sea-level and baled out over Sussex just before his plane blew up.

He was fighting over the Channel when his plane was hit by a cannon-shell.

Five Messerschmitts then came out of the clouds at him.

To use his own words to describe what happened next: "I shook them off by cutting down to sea-level and made for my home base."

When the plane was over Sussex, he managed to climb to 2,000 feet, although the controls of his machine had been shot away.

He parachuted down to safety just a moment or two before the "Spitfire" blew up. — Reuter.

The Italians are not in possession of ports in Salonika and Preveza, nor have they established air bases in northern Greece.

On the contrary their army has lost many guns and much war material and has suffered heavy casualties.

The British Navy should display the greatest activity—threaten if not actually seize many of the Dodecanese Islands and closely patrol the Adriatic Sea.

#### Nazis May Move

The Nazis may be moving down on the Greek flank and rear quite shortly through Yugoslavia and perhaps Bulgaria in a somewhat belated effort to support their Italian ally and restore Axis prestige, already heavily damaged.

But it must be some time before they can arrive. Even if unopposed, it is a march of 550 miles from the frontiers of the Reich, though half that distance from the Rumanian frontier.

It is therefore of great strategic importance for the Greeks to throw back the Italian forces as far to the north as possible before they are called to meet the new threat.

#### Warning Cries

Warning cries are already heard calling on the Greeks to remember the lessons of their last Turkish war when, after a brilliant victory at Rousouyha in 1922, they pushed into the heart of Turkey over 350 miles, only to meet a disastrous defeat near Ankara at the hands of Kemal Pasha.

But the situation is not the least dangerous. In this case the Greek left wing in the Epirus sector is only 50 miles from Valona and the right wing only 100 miles from Durazzo.

The prize to be gained if these two ports are quickly seized would be decisive as far as the Italian army is concerned.

Moreover, it should not be overlooked that the moral encouragement of a decisive Greek success with their capture of the ports would be immense in Yugoslavia and Turkey, and even in Bulgaria.

#### Winter Campaign

It would then be very reasonable if a Nazi advance from the north would meet with stern resistance.

The prospect of a winter campaign amidst the snow of the Balkan mountains is one which might well make Hitler hesitate.

He has always sought easy and cheap victories, using treachery as his principal weapon. — Reuter.



WHY DIDN'T I JOIN THE TANK CORPS!—A Remount Squadron in training in rural surroundings. "Black Bess," the friskiest horse in the camp, throws her rider. (Copyright, Fox).

### "TEMPLETON" SENDS OUT S.O.S.

MacKay Radio in New York yesterday picked up an S.O.S. message from the British steamer Templeton saying she was being attacked by a submarine. — Reuter.

### PROMISING NEW DELHI RESULTS

A statement issued by the war Supplies Conference at New Delhi yesterday expressed the hope that the Conference's Report would be the starting point for an industrial war effort of the greatest importance.

Pointing out that the combined exports of the participants exceed £1,300,000,000 the statement says Australia has already embarked on an immense war production programme, India and South Africa are both following the same road while various other participants are ready and willing to take orders for all kinds of munitions.

The statement says: "Interchange of information between the delegations has revealed important facts and promising opportunities about which most of us at the opening proceedings were unaware, while already it has been possible, by co-relating surpluses in equipment with existing requirements, to supply important deficiencies without waste of time or undue call on shipping space." — Reuter.

### CHIEF SCOUT MUCH IMPROVED

The health of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, who has been seriously ill at his home in Kenya, is so improved that no further bulletins will be issued, it was announced from Kenya yesterday. — Reuter.

## STEADY ADVANCE OF THE GREEKS CONTINUES

REPORTS RECEIVED in London yesterday evening from Athens stated that Greek troops have now occupied Podgradetz, 20 miles north of Koritza on the southern shores of Lake Okhrida.

In the south — the Epirus sector on the coast — the Greeks made further advances yesterday.

It is reported that in this sector the Greeks are on the point of entering the important town of Argyrokastron, which, among other things, is the site of one of the major Italian air bases in Albania.

The Italian withdrawal is taking place so fast that the Greek troops are having some difficulty keeping up with the Fascists.

Some reports state that the Italian second line of defence prepared by General Soddu, the new Fascist commander, will not prove tenable, so swiftly is the position changing.

An Italian communique yesterday said that counter-attacks were being made, but did not say where or with what result.

The communique also admits that the important Albanian port of Durazzo was bombed again Sunday night.

#### War Booty

Reports reaching London speak of the huge quantity of war material captured by the Greeks.

In Moshkopolls alone, 200 undamaged cars were seized, and tanks, lorries, cars and motor cycles have cluttered up the roads in this sector so much that in some places the Greek advance has been slowed up trying to get past the "barriers."

An Athens message last night said that many of the Italian soldiers taken prisoner state that no one in Italy really wants the war.

It is significant that the moment the Greeks entered Koritza the Italians there at once repudiated Mussolini! — Reuter.

### CANADA'S MUNITIONS DRIVE

Canada's increasing output of munitions is now one-third of the full output scheduled for the middle of next year.

The Canadian Department of Munitions Supply states that the present programme provides for enough material to fill all the shells and munitions made in Canada and also enough to send large quantities of explosives to the United States for shells made there.

The delivery of Canadian-built single-engine planes for the Empire Air Training Scheme will be completed about 15 months ahead of schedule. — Reuter.

### GENERAL WAVELL'S TRIBUTE

A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GREEK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BY GENERAL WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH TROOPS, MIDDLE EAST. All troops in the Middle East send their warmest congratulations on the capture of Koritza (says the message) and on the brilliant exploits of the Greek Army, "which we are all watching with deep admiration." — Reuter.



# R.A.F. Bombers In Heavy Raid On Durazzo

A FURTHER RAID was carried out on Durazzo, the big Italian base in Albania, by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday, stated an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Shipping in the harbour, quays, jetties and harbour buildings were attacked. A direct hit was registered on a 10,000-ton ship and another on a smaller ship which immediately burst into flames.



This caller found that his conversation was not so private after raiders had been over the London area. (Copyright, Fox).

## THAI BORDER CLASH REPORT

According to information released by Indo-China officials in Hanoi yesterday, Thai troops on Saturday night crossed the border into Cambodia, says a semi-official Japanese report.

The report said an encounter ensued with the result that the Thai units were hurled back across the border.

Thai troops are concentrated 100 kilometres south-west of Battambang, on the western Cambodia frontier, the Japanese report states. — Reuter.

## DUTCH PILOTS TO FLY SPITFIRES

THREE PILOTS WHO ARE LEAVING BATAVIA FOR ENGLAND WERE ENTERTAINED ON SUNDAY NIGHT BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AIR FORCE.

They will fly three Spitfires purchased for the R.A.F. by the people of the N.E.I. — Reuter.

## CHANNEL GUNS IN ACTION AGAIN

GERMAN LONG-RANGE GUNS ON THE FRENCH COAST OPENED FIRE ON THE DOVER AREA YESTERDAY MORNING. There was intermittent shelling for about three hours. — Reuter.

A heavy salvo fell 50 yards from the land side of the harbour jetty. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire the attack was pressed home. One of our aircraft failed to return.

In the Western Desert Derna, Appolonia, Tobruk and Bardia were raided at dawn.

Barracks at Derna and Appolonia were heavily bombed and a direct hit was observed on barrack buildings at Appolonia.

### Tobruk Raid

Military buildings at Tobruk were bombed and damaged while at Bardia bombs fell well in the target area.

Enemy fighters intervened at Appolonia. One of them was damaged while all our aircraft returned safely.

In Italian East Africa Assab was again attacked. Bombs dropped very near a ship in the harbour and others caused a big blaze in a transport yard which was visible 50 miles away.

A subsequent raider dropped all its bombs into the fire, extending the blaze considerably.

Barracks at Asosa were heavily raided and fires caused.

### Camp Hit

Bombs fell in the centre of a military camp at Saleya, and Guba was also raided successfully.

South African aircraft made extensive reconnaissances in enemy territory and secured valuable information. All our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

## NO RESPITE IN THE SUDAN REGION

NO RESPITE IS BEING ALLOWED TO THE ITALIAN FORCES IN THE AREA EAST OF GALLABAT, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY FROM G.H.Q. IN CAIRO. "Our harassing operations con-

## GEN. DE GAULLE BACK IN ENGLAND

GENERAL DE GAULLE'S return to London after nearly three months' work organising the administration and the forces of French Equatorial Africa is for the purpose of examining with the British Government various political and military problems in connection with the conduct of the war, according to a communique from headquarters of the Free French Forces yesterday.

Broadcasting from London last night, General de Gaulle gave a general survey of the position from the French viewpoint.

While in Libya, Egypt and Abyssinia the Italian Army showed its impotence, he said, while the British Air Force destroyed Mussolini's ships. While the Italians ran before the Greeks, French people in France could now realise not without wrath that their armies had been deprived of a glorious part in the eventual victory for freedom.

"But now the patriotic passion of the French people, which inspired Joan of Arc and Clemenceau, is growing and this passion will throw the final liberation of the French."

— Reuter.

## MISS PERKINS RESIGNATION STORY PREMATURE

Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labour in the Roosevelt Cabinet, has not resigned, according to Mr. Stephen Early, the President's secretary yesterday.

The "New York Times" had stated that Miss Perkins' resignation had been offered and accepted. — Reuter.

## WILD DOG HUNT AT SHEK-O

Residents of Shek-O, reinforced by friends and totalling nineteen in all, went on a wild dog hunt on Sunday morning, but, though catching glimpses of the pack of five, were unable to get in a shot.

The weather was not to the advantage of the hunters, visibility being extremely poor, and the pack was not seen until just on the crack of dawn.

All the men were armed with rifles and one, posted near Mr. Hampden Ross's drive, had the misfortune to have his rifle jam just as the pack went past him to present a perfect target.

It is believed that a second hunt will be held some time this week.

"On all other fronts, adds the communique, there is no change in the situation. — Reuter.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR R.A.F.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE R.A.F. OF A \$100,000 BOMBER IS THE AIM OF A MOVEMENT STARTED YESTERDAY BY 20,000 EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCKHEED AND VEGA AIRCRAFT FACTORIES AT BURBANK, CAL.

Their spokesman said they had agreed to build the machine in their own time.

"The British are responsible for many of us working. We think a Christmas gift would be a fitting way of saying thank you."

— Reuter.



Sergeant Hannah, the latest V.C., writing home while in hospital. (Copyright, Fox).

## U.S. MUST BE PREPARED FOR NAZI ONSLAUGHT

A WARNING THAT the United States must be prepared to meet a Nazi thrust in the Western Hemisphere before the current United States armament programme is completed, was uttered by Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, addressing the American Federation of Labour Convention at New Orleans yesterday.

Just as the Nazis fixed the time for the outbreak of war in Europe "so they will make some unexpected move in the Western Hemisphere."

Sir Walter Citrine declared Britain would continue the struggle until dictatorship is abolished from the world.

United States workers, by speeding arms production, could "conquer the Nazis without firing a shot." Britain needed more planes.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, responding, said America must hurry and send Britain all the strength she needed so she could win quickly. — Reuter.

## FIRM TONE ON THE STOCK MARKET

Lack of active support resulted in dull conditions on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, but a firm tone was maintained. Gilt-edged improved on expectations of re-investment payments on requisitioned Canadian securities. Breweries were again harder but other industrials and home rails were little changed. Business in Kaffirs was quieter. Wall Street was quietly steady. — Reuter.

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# BOMBER SUPPORT FOR ARMY: UNDER TEST AGAINST ITALIANS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE DEVELOPMENT of bomber support for the British Army in the field has reached the point where methods thrashed out are being applied and actually, though on a limited scale, are being tested out against the Italians in the Middle East in preparation for the time when an offensive against the German army becomes possible.

This is one of the most important aspects of R.A.F.-Army cooperation arising from the creation of a new R.A.F. Command under Air Marshal Barratt.

It has been agreed that the chief striking weapon in close support of troops will be a bomber which represents an improvement on the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber.

General Wavell, in Egypt, and Air Commodore Dalbiac, commanding the British forces in Greece, are being fully advised of developments in the technique of bomber and other aerial cooperation with the Army, and as far as local conditions and equipment permit the application of these developments is being tested against the Italian army.

A separate Air Arm for the Army has been settled by the creation of the new Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F.

### Curtain To Army

The new scheme maintains the flexibility of the air arm in land warfare but provides for a concentration of strong forces at any part of the battlefield as a "curtain" to the army, whenever needed.

Among other things this will include planes for dumping parachutists and transporting troops whenever feasible, though the merits of parachutists are held to have been greatly exaggerated.

In the words of an officer in close touch with the subject, "The strategy of the new organisation will not be the strategy of land warfare or the strategy of air warfare but the strategy of victory." — Reuter.

## PIRATES CAUGHT IN MIRS BAY

Caught red-handed in the act of attacking a cargo junk in Mirs Bay, near Shataukok, at 4 p.m. yesterday, a pirate-boat, with three robbers on board, was engaged by a police launch and compelled to surrender.

A 30-year-old woman on board the cargo junk was seriously wounded and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The junk left Shataukok for Chinese territory with several people and some cargo on board. At 4 p.m. it was pursued and fired on by the pirate boat.

Police officers on board a Police launch, on patrol duty, heard the shots and hastened to the spot, where they saw the pirates attacking the junk.

A brief exchange of shots between the police and the robbers took place resulting in the robbers surrendering. The police found two revolvers and three rifles and some ammunition in the robber boat.

## DETECTING INCENDIARY BOMBS ON ROOFS

The occupiers of large premises which have a number of storeys, such as city offices or blocks of flats, have been concerned to find a means for the ready detection of the fall of incendiary bombs or other bombs on the upper storeys while they have been vacated by the usual staff during a raid.

St. Dunstan's Stores, at Raglan Street, London, have adopted a simple device which has proved effective. It consists, said Mr. H. Benatt, the manager of the stores, of a net (a good quality fruit netting) slung immediately below the ceiling of the top floor, and suspended at frequent intervals round the edge on captault elastic. Also at intervals the edge is connected by cords to delicate operating contact switches, and these in turn are run on a relay current to a bell in the air raid shelter. If the net is pulled at any point contact is made on one or other of the switches, and the bell gives the warning that an incendiary bomb has penetrated the roof.

This device does away with watchers on the upper floors, and has been found extremely convenient, particularly in respect of the night watches. The arrangement is based entirely on suggestions of members of the staff, many of whom are blinded ex-Service men.

## MARSEILLES MYSTERY BOMBING

The note from the Vichy Government protesting against the alleged bombing of Marseilles by British aircraft, is being forwarded to London by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador in Madrid.—Reuter.

## RECKLESS FLASHING OF TORCHES

The reckless flashing of torches during an air raid led to the arrest of a public schoolboy and a young Czechoslovak on a charge under the Defence Regulations of making signals in circumstances prejudicial to the Defence of the Realm.

After spending a week in custody on remand, Meredith John Grey (17), schoolboy, and Florian Hegner (18), Czechoslovak trainee, both of Belsize Park, Hampstead, pleaded "Guilty" at Marylebone Police Court to an alternative charge of causing a light to be displayed from a hand-torch. The more serious charge was withdrawn by the police.

Detective Sergeant Ambler gave evidence that on September 13 two beams of light shot into the air while guns were firing at enemy aeroplanes overhead. The beams of light were together and flashing. He saw the two youths standing with torches on the steps leading to the house, and he arrested them for deliberately as he thought, showing light into the sky.

Mr. R. E. Seton, counsel defending, said that Grey, who was on vacation from a well-known public school, was showing a piece of an incendiary bomb by torch-light to Hegner.

The Magistrate said that the accused had exposed lights in circumstances which were so utterly reckless that he was extremely glad that they had been made to realise the seriousness of it. He dismissed the charge under the Probation of Offenders Act.

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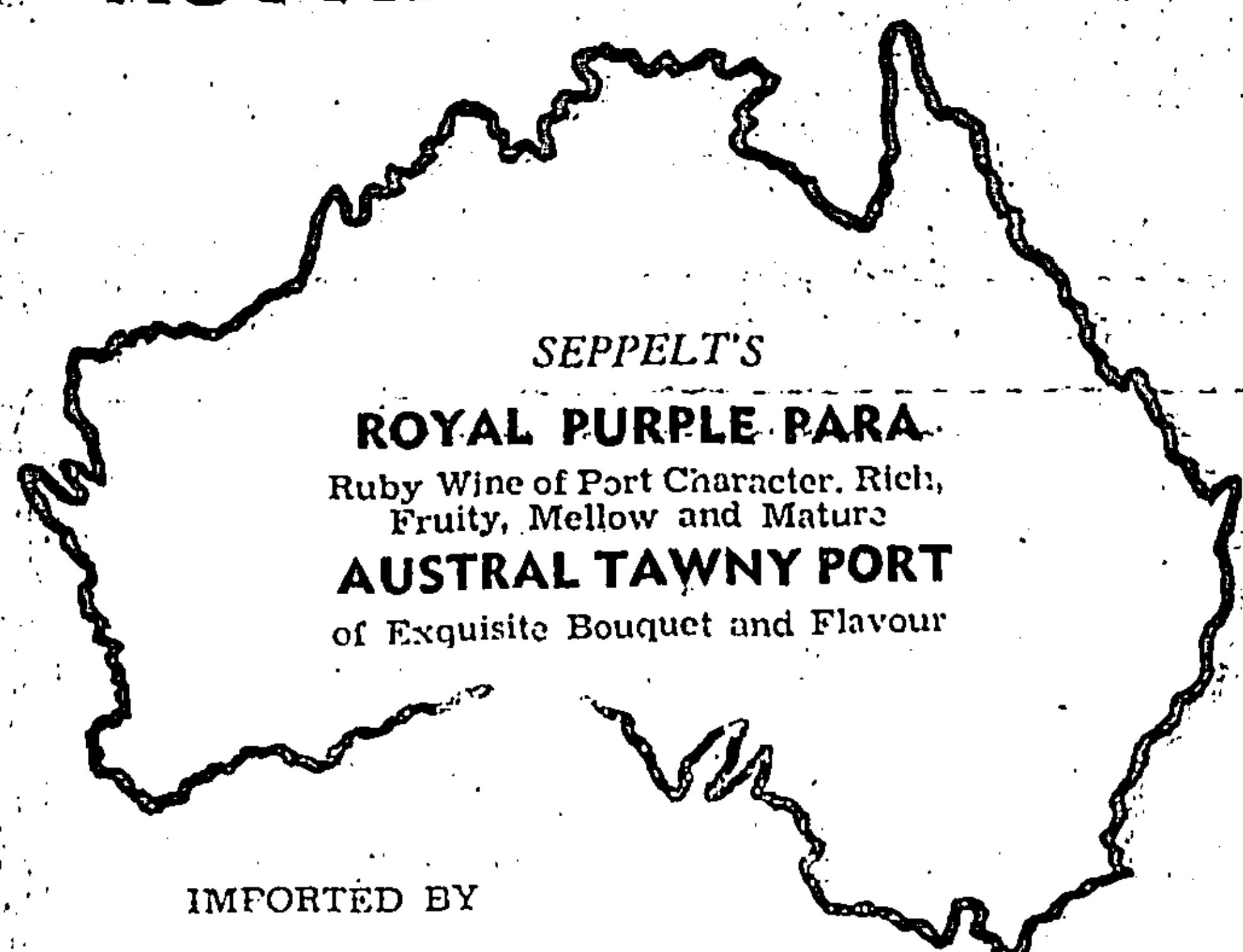






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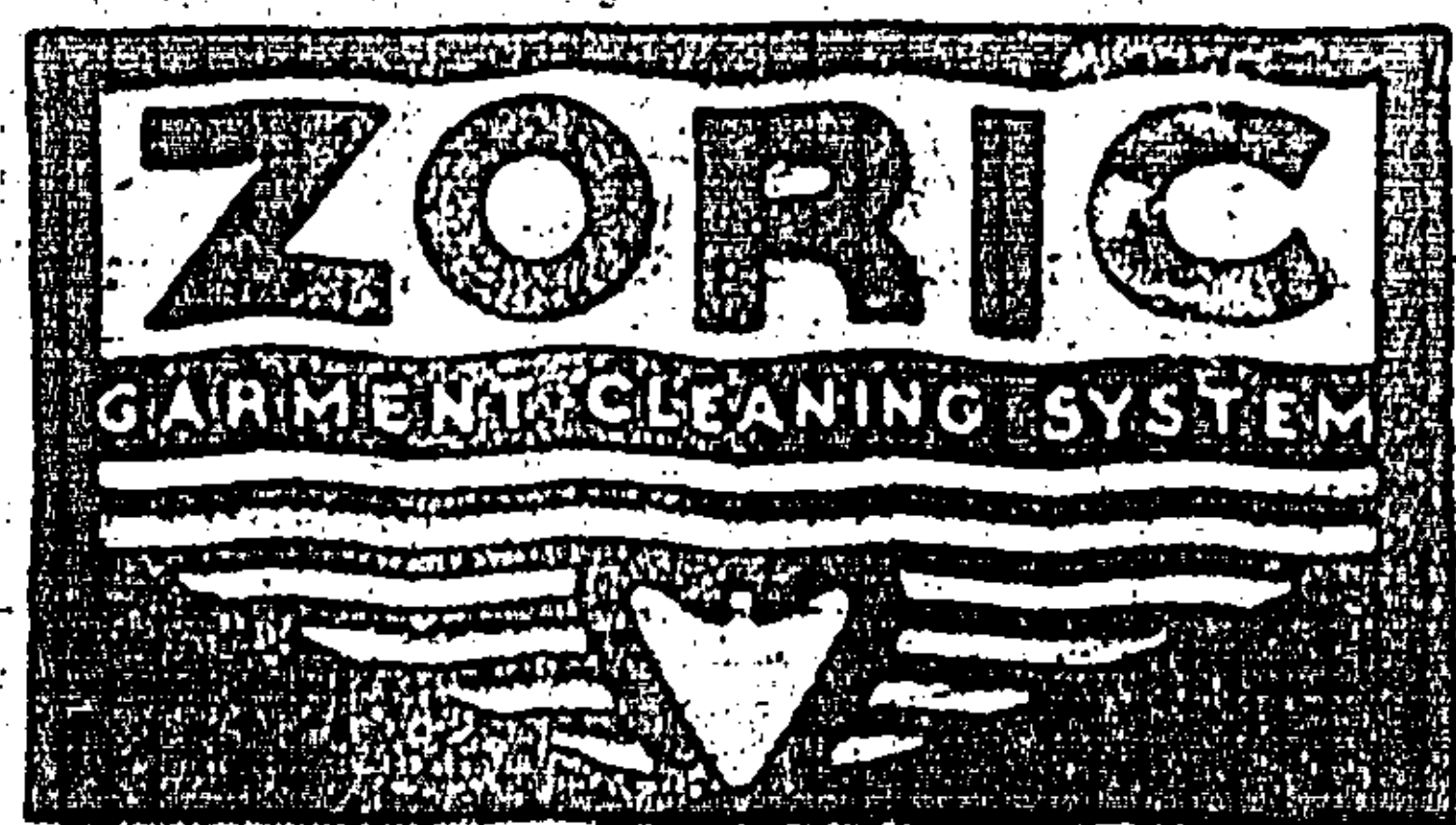
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The glorious and enduring love of brothers is shared by Gay Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston who, as the gallant leaders "Geste," "Ben," "John" and "Digby"—find adventure and romance in the French Foreign Legion in Paramount's exciting new filmisation of "Beau Geste." This picture is coming to Queen's and Alhambra Theatres shortly.

## BRITISH SLAVES IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

LIFE IN THE Channel Islands, now occupied by 1,000 German soldiers, according to eight men who have escaped from Guernsey:

Newspapers are printed in German and English and contain short lessons in German;

Earnings of bachelors are restricted to 30s. a week and of married men to 38s., with a few shillings extra for children (foremen and employers get 2s. more);

No unemployment because everyone is compelled to work;

Cinemas show German films with English subtitles;

"God Save the King" is banned;

Anyone who speaks disrespectfully to the German troops is liable to fifteen years in gaol. The eight men from Guernsey are now reunited with their wives and families, evacuated before the German occupation.

Four of them are members of one family—Mr. Frederick Hockey, forty-seven-year-old harbour signalman at St. Peter Port, and three of his sons, Fred, twenty-five, George, twenty-one, and Harold, sixteen.

Their companions were Mr. William Mahy, Mr. Percy de Port, Mr. William Dorey and Mr. Herbert Richard, all tomato growers. The Guernsey people have been ordered to refer to the 800 to 1,070 German soldiers—apparently picked for the occupation because of their good English—not as Germans or Nazis, but as "our garrison."

### How Nazis Got A "Heil" Picture

They know a few propaganda tricks, Mr. Hockey told a reporter.

"One day the Germans gave a band performance in the pleasure park at St. Peter Port and a large crowd turned up," he said. "An officer asked for all those who spoke French to put up their hands. The response was small as all speak English."

"He then asked for a show of hands from those who spoke English. Every right arm went up. Then a German camera clicked."

"Before we realised that we had been tricked, the Germans had got what would be made into a film of the Islanders giving the Nazi salute."

Food is severely rationed and poor in quality. The weekly ration of butter is two ounces per person, and of meat sixpennyworth. Bread, made of potatoes, is indigestible.

Stocks of tinned food on the island are being taken to Germany.

The sale of spirits is banned, except under a doctor's prescription. Stocks of beer ("It's pretty poor stuff") are expected to be exhausted in about a month.

### Soldier Shot

Foodstuffs are being grown instead of flowers. Fruit that is grown is sold to the public only after the Germans have had their share. Work hours for everyone are from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. with half a day on Saturday. One bar of soap is allowed per month.

Electricity and gas supplies are not expected to last beyond November. Supplies of household coal will last throughout the winter.

Mr. Hockey said the German troops behave well and one soldier who assaulted a woman was shot.

The enemy started to transfer labour, but most people were allowed to go on with their jobs.

Unexpectedly, Mr. Hockey and the sons who escaped with him walked into the neat little villa in Sutton Road, Testwood, near Southampton.

### HE WAS REGISTERED AS WOMAN

John William Jacobs, aged 19 of Johannesburg, desires to enlist, but is unable to do so because he was registered at birth as a woman.

His mother left him as a child, his birth being registered by a hospital nurse, who listed him as a female.

"When I tried to join up, I had to produce my birth certificate, and then the mistake was discovered," said Jacobs. "The people who brought me up are dead. My only hope is to trace my mother."

### NO FRESH AIR WANTED

During a night raid a wayfarer decided to seek cover. He accordingly went to one of the new surface shelters.

Somewhat to his surprise he found it empty. He did not worry about that, but after a while began to find it unduly chilly.

Then he looked up and saw the stars. The shelter was unfinished and had no roof.

### CROOKS IN RAIDS HELD ON SIGHT

Bombs are not "cracking easy cribs" for London crooks.

Scotland Yard has organised special anti-looting squads to protect valuables which, through the shattering of shop windows, etc. are "there for the taking."

The officers have been selected for their knowledge of the underworld, and are stationed in the vicinity of wrecked areas with orders to detain on sight known bad characters they see hanging about. They will maintain a constant watch.

Many of these detectives have their own "picture gallery" of London's criminals, and will carry them as a check on identity.

It is thought that the sneak-thief's opportunities curtailed by so many people remaining at home during the hours of darkness, may become reckless and resort to air-raid looting.

### Nazi Society Raided

The offices and homes of the "new" leaders of the Ossewabrandwag, an Afrikaner movement, were raided in Cape Town as well as in Pretoria and Bloemfontein. The Ossewabrandwag, nominally a cultural organisation, has been suspected of subversive planning for a "New National Republic" on Nazi lines.





## BROADCASTING THE COMMONS

Mr. Attlee was not at all warm in his reception of the suggestion that the broadcasting of the Prime Minister's speeches to the Commons should be considered. It may be agreed at once that the question of broadcasting the Commons' proceedings in general, or even of special debates, is not one that commends itself; to harness the full tide of Parliament is a task that is better left to Hansard. But the recording of a particular statement by the Prime Minister for transmission later by the B.B.C. is a different and much more acceptable proposition. Indeed, Mr. Attlee said that it had been considered but "would require the general assent of the House."

Surely that assent would be given.

Parliament, as we know, is jealous of its procedure and privileges, but respect for tradition should not be allowed to straddle like a road block across the requirements and resources of to-day. At this moment our Prime Minister is the great spokesman for the British people, and when he addresses Parliament on matters of wide principle there seems no reason why his actual words should not be made available for broadcasting. There has been at least one occasion when he has made one speech to Parliament in the afternoon and repeated the substance and many of the words in an evening broadcast. That is an additional burden which need not be asked of him, and a recording of the first address would have spared him the second effort. We have a great exponent of England's cause in Mr. Churchill, but that is no reason why we should use him twice where once would serve.

## THE WARNING COCKEREL

The suggestion made by the Bishop of Chelmsford that the wailing siren be replaced by a gay and challenging "cock-a-doo-doo" was anticipated over a century ago by the Russian poet A. S. Pushkin. In his fairy tale "The Golden Cockerel" (perhaps better known as the opera "Le Coq d'Or" founded on it by Rimsky-Korsakov) King Dadon is presented by a magician with a truly wonderful gift—a golden cockerel which performs the dual functions of alarm signal

# Notes For A Cellar-Book

The title, or something near it, was Saintsbury's; the great professor, so genial except where a Radical was concerned, wrote of cellars more convivial than those to which we retire nowadays. Cellars, so long the depository and resort of hedonistic man, have become severely useful places. The urban "dive" used to mean a bar where one partook of stout and oysters and similar encouraging things. "Les caves" of the French hotel were no less the larder of luxury. Now we go to earth for security. The wheel has turned full circle and the home of the Stone Age man is no less serviceable to the Steel Age. Not long ago I was perambulating Poole's Cavern at Buxton, reflecting that one such limestone grot is very like another. However, this one has an equable temperature, summer and winter, with gas and water laid on. There have been several months since then when I wished I were back in its fantastic galleries. The more noisome manifestations of modern warfare can forcibly promote the regret that one was not born a stalactite.

We are in for a deal of this cave-life, it seems, and must adjust ourselves to subterranean dalliance. In case the sessions be long, it is well to carry a small case including, along with the commanded gas mask, refreshment for body and mind. For the former I would hesitate to prescribe: for the latter I suggest that a book be chosen which is at once ample, easy, and encouraging. By ample I mean that there is plenty of it and that the style be copious; so if you miss a sentence or even a paragraph you are not lost. This new-tangled cave-life of ours is a disturbed, unrestful business. There may be external noises: there is usually internal chatter. Ample, easy, and encouraging. Dickens is the obvious reply, and for the new type of cellar-book he is my first choice. His descriptions are as copious as cogent, and some slight temporary disturbance, such as the collapse of a neighbouring block of flats, will not seriously interfere with your reading. You may omit a sentence or two, but you can easily pick up again. As for encouragement, Dickens, while he drew some un-

commonly nasty characters, took a sanguine view of human nature on the whole. And this view we need for our support to-day, admitting, of course, the presence, the all too proximate presence, of some very nasty characters.

Looking at my Dickens shelf, I picked out "Hard Times" for my day's companion. The name seemed topical, and I have a taste for the villains of this piece, Bounderby, Gradgrind, and Mrs. Chokumchild. They compose a monstrous cartoon of the "Manchester School" at its best, but the picture of Coketown scenery is probably not unfair to mid-Vic-

By Ivor Brown

torian Lancashire at its worst, and Dickens, as Radical reporter, had a tremendous flair for this kind of descriptive writing, flamboyant in its imagery and ferocious in the invective of its implication. The Horrid Rich are a nettlesome crowd, but the Virtuous Poor, represented by Stephen Blackpool, show Dickens at his feeblest. Stephen is sufficiently "righting" to make one feel more kindly towards Bounderby, with his inverted snobbery and his vaunting of a gutter boyhood so far transcended by mature success. The best Dickens flashes out in the lineaments and lingo of Mrs. Sparsit with her pride of pedigree and her "Cornolanian" nose.

As a picture of the textile town in the full flush of ruthless industrial development "Hard Times" has the full urgency of Dickensian indignation. Dickens's writing usually fell from its superb best in proportion to the distance from London and the Home Counties of the scene depicted. Abroad he seems a superficial observer; in the North of England he is not fully at ease; and his vice of caricaturing is the more obvious. His Coketown is not quite as persuasive as his Camberwell or his Kent. The author's habit of playing on the black notes only is here rather obvious. At the same time the grime of this city, when mixed with a grain of salt, is stuff of history, if not quite the shape of it. If we want, during

a few cellar sessions, to learn a little while we enjoy greatly, "Hard Times" is certainly a book for air-raid company.

Coketown, the urban abomination allowed to grow and spread in the Age of Anyhow, is still England's shame. But Coketown at its worst was scarcely as bad as the similar Scottish places. The Industrial Revolution was seen at its vilest and cruellest in Lanarkshire. But how scanty are its chronicles! We have abundance of Scottish romanticism from Sir Walter to Stevenson, Crockett and Munro; we have the realists' reply from George Douglas Brown, Cronin, George Blake, and Lewis Grassie Gibbon, whose realism was mingled with a curious lyrical beauty. But these wrote of their immediate Scotland. Where is the Scottish equivalent of "Hard Times," the chronicle of a Mother-well's birth and growth? Scottish literature has a serious blank just where a number of novelists, Dickens foremost, were illuminating for all time the ironies and miseries of England's new prosperity.

After Sir Walter and John Galt had left off Scottish romanticism kept on burying its head in Appin and the far-too-oft-told tale of the Bonnie Prince. Can anyone assist my cellar reading by suggestion of a good story about the Scotland of 1830-80, the Scotland whose glooms were being vulgarly peppered with mock baronial castles while the towns were heavily covered with tenements as black as prisons, the Scotland whose citizens poured fortunes into the laps of coalowners and millowners and makers of ships while the squalor of the new cities grew wantonly and shamefully, the Scotland which belied its fuss about good education by permitting to exist such homes as no education on earth could civilise?

I should like while below ground, to learn why and how the Scots came so to defile, for a few men's gain, so much of the loveliest ground in our kingdom. Why were a supposedly stubborn people so easily and so vastly oppressed? Scotland was ever gallant against the alien foe. Why did meek before domestic greed and usurpation?

# MAUROIS On France's Fall

A woman at the talking end of a telephone can be troublesome to a war-time Premier, as Andre Maurois' Tragedy in France (New York: Harpers, \$2) records. The woman, says M. Maurois, had been determined to see Paul Reynaud become Premier, and the engineering of that ambition widened a rift between Reynaud and his predecessor, Edouard Daladier, that contributed to the misfortunes of France. What many people have suspected, M. Maurois puts down as fact.

It would be wrong, very wrong, to say that the French way of life in 1939 was corrupt; millions of families led simple and united lives. But this was not true of the 3,000 persons in Paris who, as Byron said, "because they go to bed late believe they are the leaders of the world." Most of these attached no great importance to their sentimental or sensual intrigues; but events were destined to prove that these intrigues could nevertheless place nations in jeopardy.

It would have frightened the French people to realise the sort of animosity that had grown up between the two men—Reynaud and Daladier—who should have been working in the closest mutual confidence; to hear the accusations and recriminations; to learn that one was allowed to formulate plans involving the lives of thousands of soldiers and the future of a nation while the other could be accused of withholding important information which might have forestalled disaster.

Reynaud played a shrewd, forceful, and sincere role, but with a lack of political intuition that amazed M. Maurois, who was often in a position to watch events from the very elbows of the Premier and the Generals. One of the plangent illustrations of the refinements of French political thinking, which M. Maurois offers in this book concerns a unanimous vote of confidence given by the Chamber of Deputies to Premier Reynaud. This vote, confesses M. Maurois, seemed to him reassuring. "But a senator whom I say that evening told me with diabolic glee that it meant nothing. 'You don't understand parliamentary by-play,' he explained in a pitying tone. 'There were adversaries of Reynaud who worked hard to make the vote unanimous because unanimity is impersonal, national, patriotic, whereas a strong majority would have meant personal success.'"

It was the next day that Reynaud told M. Maurois how the tanks that were supposed to be checking the German advance in Norway "existed only on paper." Unpreparedness was the enemy of France. And Britain was in no position to supply the needed military aid in time.

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M. Maurois concludes the volume with a broadcast he delivered from London in June, a plea for a continuance of the world's faith in French character. His book will help France's friends to understand and, where forgiveness is warranted, to forgive. It will revive the hopes of those who believe that the France they have loved and respected is still waiting to reassert itself.

changed to this day. What will happen in Morocco depends, of course, entirely on the course of the war in the next few weeks. One can understand that the Vichy Government should be sending General Weygand (or another general) to safeguard France's interests. But General Franco is watching carefully. A victory for Britain will still leave him a chance of some consolation prize in Morocco.

Or, if that is not possible, because of the continued danger of German intrigues, he may fairly hope to get back Gibraltar for Spain, by a negotiated agreement, at the end of the war. If he is wise he will reduce Spain's Moroccan ties to a minimum until Spain has a healthful polity at home, and approach us rather in the spirit of the late General Primo de Rivera: "Ceuta for Gibraltar—and to hell with the rest of the Protectorate!"

# Spain's Hopes of Empire

The young hotspurs of General Franco's regime are eager, it appears, to exploit the present misfortunes of France and they are talking loudly about Spain's "manifest destiny" of expansion in Morocco. Not that they are exactly wishing for war. What they are hoping for, waiting for, is that their powerful friends of the Axis will first carry out the job of rendering France's colonial forces powerless and defenceless, in accordance with the armistice terms, so that then Spanish troops can be drafted in to "establish order" in the neighbouring French Protectorate.

The preparations go back to 1936 and beyond. The majority of the insurgent generals had had long spells of service in Africa. Some, like the Generalissimo himself, acquired merit by establishing a paternalist military and civil administration which was a model of its kind. But all of them became progressively out of touch with European affairs and were easy victims of German propaganda. The Germans, as usual, ran two alternative "lines." Either they inveighed against French imperialism, appealing thus to the ever-present sentiment of Moslem nationalism, with the accompanying suggestion, for the Spaniards, that they had been cheated out of their heritage; or—especially after

the Popular Front came into being—they trotted out the usual stuff about "Jewish Marxism," stimulating the strong-traditional anti-Semitic feeling among the Moors, on the one hand, and, on the other, instilling into the Spanish officer class the idea that it was now the mission of Spain's Army to save its country from Communism.

There were not many Germans—or Italians—in the Spanish Protectorate zone before the outbreak of the Spanish war. But German influence was all-pervasive. The Nazis were, after all, only following well-worn tracks. During the

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war of 1914-18 Spanish Morocco was used continually as a base for active propaganda and action against the French Protectorate, and subsequently German agents contrived to supply the Rifis in their campaign lavishly with money, arms, and ammunition. During the Spanish war the Germans built emplacements at Ceuta for big Krupp guns which have sufficient range to make life uncomfortable in Gibraltar harbour, and established an air base at Melilla; and German and Italian agents have now had over four years in which to dig themselves in.

It may be asked, "Does it never occur to the Spaniards whose newborn zeal for empire is being so carefully nursed that they are simply being used as tools, only to be thrown aside when the time comes so that Germany and Italy may step into the shoes of the Western Powers?" The answer is that Spaniards, by and large, have still immense confidence in British sea-power. They do not really envisage a complete Axis victory so much as a sufficient challenge to the traditional Anglo-French domination of the peninsula and Morocco to let them take a more important role than has been their lot in the past.

The relics of Spain's original colonial patrimony in Northern Africa are the four presidios of Ceuta, Penon de Velez, Alhucemas, and Melilla, along the northern Mediterranean coast. Two of these are island rocks, and Melilla is cut off from the interior by the mountains of the Rif. But these are, at any rate, real possessions.

In the so-called Spanish zone of Morocco she is only, as it were, in the position of a sub-tenant, holding her title by the grace of France; and it is a tenure which is, naturally, galling to Spanish pride.

It happened like this. By the Anglo-French Declaration of 1904 France was given the chance of expansion in Morocco, subject to certain limiting conditions dictated by the needs of British sea-power. A stretch of Moroccan coast from just outside Melilla on the Mediterranean to a point on the right bank of the River Sabu on the Atlantic was to remain unfortified. France was required to come to an understanding with Spain in regard to the latter's Moroccan interests; and by one of the secret articles of the Anglo-French agreement the Spanish zone of influence was equated with the hinterland of the part of the littoral which was to remain unfortified.

Spain was bidden to agree that she would not alienate any of the territory thus placed under her authority. The Spanish Government duly acceded to this diplomatic bargain. When in 1912 a Franco-Moroccan treaty secured France's position as leaseholder, with effective powers of control over the Sultan, Spain, too, regularised her position (by the Franco-Spanish Convention of November 27, 1912).

It was, however, an inferior one, in that the Spanish zone was to be administered by a Khalifah or representative of the Sultan, who had passed on his responsibilities altogether to the French. That juridical position is un-





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# THE GERMANS ARE LOSING THE WAR

IT IS A GREAT privilege to live in London in these days. Because in London alone one can be eye-witness of the decisive turning-point of the War — perhaps the decisive turning-point of world-history, writes a London correspondent.

Let us turn back to those world-shaking September days of Paris and the Marne 26 years ago. The situation is the same to-day.

Then the Germans, after astounding victories, after an advance at unprecedented speed through Belgium and Northern France, felt on top of the world. They threw all they had against the Marne Line and Paris in a supreme bid for decisive victory.

Victory meant that the Blitzkrieg of 1914 was won. Failure meant a long war of attrition which the Germans could never win.

But, of course, the Germans felt that failure was out of the question. The Kaiser was at the front. The French were already groggy, and just about to receive the knock-out.

And then came failure. Nothing melodramatic. There was no shattering defeat, no annihilation of the German armies.

Only, there had been the decisive failure. Paris stood. The Anglo-French armies stood. Day after day went by and the great news of victory failed to come. Instead there came the trench-war, and the hopeless war of attrition which Germany could never win.

### Nobody Told Them

At the time, in 1914, no German outside the military High Command knew that Germany had suffered the decisive defeat. For years to come they did not know. Nobody told them. Up to the summer of 1917 even members of the Reichstag did not know that the German War Plan had been defeated and that the war had been virtually lost three years earlier.

It was only late in 1917 that this haunting knowledge of failure began to spread throughout Germany. But with its spread German fighting moral began slowly to crumble. The result was November 1918.

Three years were lost before the failure of the Marne was brought home to the Germans, three years full of tragedy and slaughter which could have been spared.

To-day we witness the same drama again. Again the Germans have had intoxicating victories. Again they are told that only a last effort is needed.

### "Der Tag"

The British, "cowering in shelters and cursing the plutocratic Churchill Government," are about to receive the final, shattering blow. The stage has been set. Hitler has promised that the British cities will be razed to the ground; Goering has taken personal command of air operations; the German people, raised to feverish expectation, are sitting round the loudspeakers, taking in the special news bulletins, waiting for the great, super-special news: London razed to the ground; Britain surrenders.

It is now or never, it is Der Tag.

The trump card is on the table, the crack squadrons of the Luftwaffe, for whose sake the Germans went hungry for years, are hurled in clouds across the Channel. Already, for the Germans round the loudspeakers, London is "a shambles, wrapped in fire and smoke." In a few days, at most a few weeks, all will be over! Victorious Germany rules the world.

And again the bid for victory is failing.

### Decisive Failure

We in London, know it. Again nothing melodramatic is happening. No annihilation of the whole attacking force, nothing which the German High Command could not disguise to the Germans as a victory. There has only been the decisive failure.

The R.A.F. simply holds the sky. London stands and carries on. A few of London's eight million people are casualties; more suffer terrible loss. They are front-line soldiers who have fallen in the decisive battle of the war.

All London certainly suffers discomfort and anxiety. So did Paris in September 1914, when it heard the guns thunder by night and day.

But that same suffering of Paris in 1914 meant decisive victory. So does the suffering of Londoners in September 1940. By carrying on without flinching through Hitler's most furious onslaught, London is beating Hitler.

Londoners see his failure.

But does the world know? Above all, do the 80,000,000 Germans know? Shall three years elapse again before they realise what has happened? We must not allow this. This is the time to tell them!

Winning the German people over will one day be THE great war-winning move. Think of an average German who, Hitler or no Hitler, wants victory for Germany and fears defeat. All those Germans are haunted by memories of the last war.

They all remember how there were victories and victories — and the sum total of all those victories a huge defeat!

### Another Marne

This spring, there was the Flanders campaign. Then the Somme was forced, Paris fell, Relief, elation, jubilation, swept the German people. It was no Battle of the Marne this time, no halt, a victorious Blitzkrieg, peace by August 15. The Germans felt on top of the world.

And now? It must be dawning on many Germans that there may be another Marne after all. The Marne of this war was not the Somme. It is the English Channel, and London is playing the glorious part of Paris in 1914. The haunting thought is there. Hitler and Goebbels try to push it out of mind with their talk.

Britain must not be silent. Just as in 1914, the decisive battle is being won. The Germans must not again be allowed to remain ignorant of it.

### The Same Again

Is Britain doing sufficient to enlighten the Germans? The answer is No. Britain has rather lost touch with the German people. A year ago, dull and badly designed leaflets were dropped in Germany. They had no effect. But instead of better leaflets, now no leaflets at all are being dropped. This is wrong.

There are two fallacies in the ideas in this country about German mentality: one that the Germans are weak and always on the verge of moral breakdown; the other, that they are machine-like robots, inaccessible to any human persuasion.

In reality, they are ordinary human beings, and like all such have their vulnerable points. And the most vulnerable of all is this fear: "The same again!"

But no pressure is at present being applied to this psychological weak point. The whole field is left open to Hitler to tell the Germans that "this time" the war is being won, straight according to plan.

The Germans fear America; on the day of the destroyer-deal, they should have been showered with bombs, together with pictures of those fifty grey warships, and nothing but the caption: "These came in one day."

In their hearts the Germans respect British toughness. They should be shown London at work under bombardment. They should be informed of every new batch of American aeroplanes arriving.

But more than anything else, their innermost fear must be touched in their memories of the last war, the Battle of the Marne.

## WORK IN DAMAGED HOSPITAL

The nose-piece and part of the tail of a large bomb which recently struck the roof of a Central London hospital was shown to the governors of the hospital at their meeting.

Special mention was made of a splendid band of volunteer stretcher-bearers, and a resolution passed paid tribute to the work done "during these tragic nights" by a small band of medical officers and dressers. In this hospital there exists an organisation able to receive at a moment's notice large numbers of the wounded, carefully examine them, and deal with their injuries promptly and efficiently.

## CAIRO SACKS SHOW GIRLS

Cairo's foreign glamour girls, whose cabarets are the main attractions in the city's night life, have all been ordered to leave Egypt within four days.

The order follows discoveries by the political police who have been investigating the girls' activities. Many have been found to be dabbling in espionage.

One beautiful show girl was arrested after she struck up an acquaintance with a British soldier and began asking him leading questions.

When her home was searched documents were found which strengthened suspicions.

Fifty-four Italian subjects in the employ of the Alexandria Corporation have been dismissed following a police investigation into their activities.

The Ministry of the Interior is to place all its permanent officials who are of Italian nationality on the retired list. Temporary employees of the Egyptian Government who are Italians are to be dismissed forthwith.

### 5th Column

People who are "technically but unwillingly" Italian, such as the natives of Libya and the Dodecanese, are not affected by these decisions.

The decisions are the result of discoveries by the police in their investigations into Italian fifth column activities.

The police have been carrying out many midnight swoops on the homes of suspected Italians.

As more and more suspects are rounded up, the populations of the internment camps are growing.

Those suspects held in the Tor internment camp on the Sinai peninsula are to spend their time building a new road between Sinai and Tor.



## VICHY SAYS:

# French Women Have Become Too Flippant

A LETTER has just reached me here in London from a French family I knew well, writes a correspondent. It says: "The family is still completely scattered all over France. We don't know even now which of us are killed, which are missing."

"Those of our menfolk who have come back can't get jobs. The small income I [that's the grandmother of the family] had now amounts to nothing at all because of the rise in prices. No money, no work; that's our trouble. Heaven knows when things will change for the better."

Before the war this family was quite well off.

They had bought a house for their eldest son to settle down in with his young wife. The house was at Mentone and was destroyed by Italian bombs.

The husband, before the war, had a big job in the French cloth industry. Now the industry is under German control. He is penniless.

It is in this sort of atmosphere that the Petain Government are asking the women of France to go back to the home, to forget about wage-earning, and to think more about having children.

In a pronouncement issued to the French Press the Government says:

"French women have become too flippant in their attitude towards marriage and home life. They must be made to realise that a woman's business is to have children—not to poke her nose into public affairs."

"The girls in our schools must be encouraged not to learn such things as Latin or mathematics; they must concentrate solely on mothercraft, housework, learning how to cook good meals cheaply."

## Women's Rights

The pronouncement adds: "The organisation of athletics in which girls compete against each other must be stopped."

For years before this war started French women were struggling to get the same sort of rights that English women have. They staged demonstrations all over France, on race courses, in the Rue de la Paix, in front of the private houses of Deputies and Senators, protesting against the rules laid down in Napoleon's Code and still in force which say that a woman in France shall not be allowed her own banking account, shall not vote, shall be compelled to ask for her husband's written consent even for such things as obtaining a passport.

## Falling Birth Rate

The Petain Government, according to the latest speeches of their Ministers and the interviews they have given in the Press, want to bind women down under a new set of rules, if anything worse than the ones framed in Napoleon's time. Petain's men say quite bluntly:

"Women must not presume to be capable of taking on executive jobs or professional work. They must not be allowed to train as engineers and for work of that kind."

"They must get out of their heads the idea that they are potential wage earners."

No French woman doubts the need for bigger families. The French birth-rate, which was very low before the war began, is now plunging to even lower levels.

Since the last war there have been 20,000 divorces a year in France, and the divorce rate is still increasing. Financial and housing conditions have made France a nation of small families.

Many a village in the French provinces where there were, say, 3,000 inhabitants 40 years ago, now has fewer than 1,000 inhabitants. Two wars in a quarter of a century have taken toll of nearly 2,000,000 Frenchmen.

## Family Bonuses

Just before war broke out a campaign was begun to increase the number of babies in France by making special allowances for big families. Mothers were given "bonuses" if they stayed at home and did not take any other job except looking after the home.

In the "marriage book" issued

to every French woman after the wedding ceremony was space for the registration of 12 children with detailed instructions about how to bring up a family.

But defeat has crushed this campaign. Couples who had big families, relying on getting generous national allowances, now find that the fall in the value of the franc has made it difficult for them to pay their way.

French women are shrewd and many of them good organisers. They have shown up well in this war, despite their nation's defeat. They are still in fighting mood. They claim that they now have still greater right to the vote and to freedom than before.

And they ask, pertinently, how they will be able to keep these children that Vichy wants, where the money is coming from, and what sort of country they will find when they grow up.

280,000 TO 1  
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THE CURRENT ISSUE OF "THE LANCET" SAYS: "THE ANXIOUS MAN WHO IS INCLINED TO IMAGINE THAT EVERY BOMB IS MEANT FOR HIM CAN REFLECT ON THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE CALCULATION:

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## NEW "TIN" HATS OF RAGS

We will all be wearing hats alike soon—the most remarkable ever made in Britain, writes a correspondent. It all started because Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour and National Service, wants special protection against splinters and falling debris for all workers engaged on war work.

The difficulty was that steel is wanted for other purposes. It was found impossible to issue steel helmets to everyone in the country.

So Mr. Bevin instructed his experts to produce for him a special hat. It had to be strong but light, it had to withstand the regulation rifle tests, but it was to be of some material other than steel.

They produced two or three designs at a factory. They brought them down for Mr. Bevin to see, and the first thing Mr. Bevin did was to throw the hat on the floor and jump on it. And Mr. Bevin is our heaviest Minister.

## Free To All

But the hat stood the test. "What's it made of?" asked Mr. Bevin. And they told him. "Rags."

It is true. The scientists have discovered a completely new composition whose base is rags. The material is half the weight of steel, and it will withstand rifle bullets only a fraction less successfully than steel.

Now the Government is considering a plan to issue these hats free to all men and women engaged on war work.

The final design has not been approved yet, but most favoured is a round crown—like the present "tin-hats"—with a protruding "poke" over the eyes, like a deerstalker's cap.

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The TWELFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 30th November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 19.

### By The Four Aces

A crime was committed in today's hand, and it's up to you, as usual to discover the criminal and his misdeed:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ J 8 5 4  
♥ 5  
♦ A J 8 5 2  
♣ J 5  
♠ Q 10 6 3  
♥ Q J 10  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 7  
♠ K 8 4  
♠ A K 9 2  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ K Q 4  
♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, South winning with the Ace. Declarer next laid down

the Ace and King of trumps, dis-mayed to find that East had started with only one. Then he led a low trump, and West took his Queen. Another heart lead forced dummy to trump with the Jack of

trumps. South then started the diamonds, but West waited until the third round of the suit to ruff with his ten of trumps. Then he led a third round of hearts, and South was set three tricks!

Who was the criminal and what was his crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was the criminal, and his crime was in cashing the King of trumps! After laying down the trump Ace, South should lead a low trump. West would take his Queen but would then be helpless. A heart lead would let dummy ruff with a low trump, and then South would get the lead with a diamond to draw trumps and run all the diamonds. And any other lead by West would come to the same thing.

If it turned out that East had four trumps, South could later ruff a heart in dummy and lead a trump to finesse the spade nine. Then he would draw trumps and run the diamonds. And if trumps broke 3-2, there would be no trouble at all in the play of the hand.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held as dealer:

♠ K Q 10 9 4  
♥ A J 6  
♦ Q 10 2  
♣ A 3

ANSWER: Bid one spade. There is no reason to suppress a five-card major just to show the general strength of the hand.

Score 100% for one spade, 20% for one no-trump.

### Question No. 573

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 5  
♥ K 10 3  
♦ A K J 6 4  
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:

Jacoby: 1♠; Partner: You: Schenken: 1♠; Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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## COMMUNIST M.P.'S ESCAPE

"What have you been doing in the air raids?" M.P.s were asking each other before they settled down to business.

Mr. William Gallagher, the Communist, seemed to think that he had the narrowest escape of all. He was walking along a London street when a bomb dropped within a few yards of him. The blast went upwards, accompanied by a huge water-spout. He felt a slight shock, but that was all.

"Ye nearly didna see me back here again," he commented.

Another member, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, was on duty with the Auxiliary Fire Service. They were called out to a fire, and he discovered it was the house of an M. P. where he had often dined. His colleague was not at home at the time.

Mr. John McGovern has spent several nights touring London to see the damage. He made his journeys during raids, and part of the time he was dodging from shelter to shelter. He found many opportunities in the shelters to study the people's reactions.

He went to many London districts.

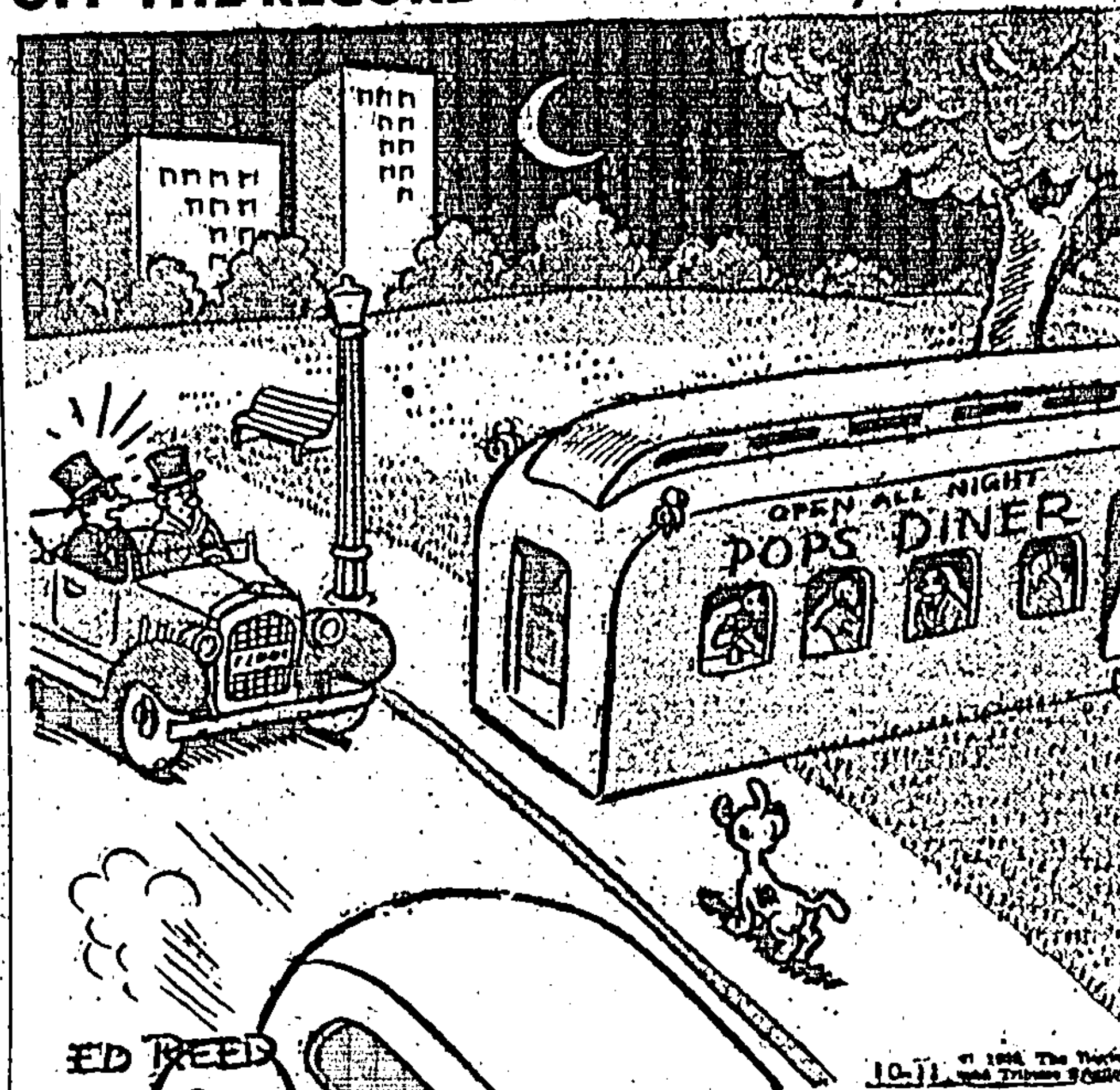
Another man at Westminster was telling how he cooked his breakfast on a fire in his garden.

## Norway Payments To Germany

The cost of the first four months of the occupation of Norway has been fixed at Kr.360,000,000, which works out at about Rm.64 a head a day. The corresponding figure for France, based on the recently fixed figure of Rm.20,000,000 a day, is Rm.50.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Better play safe Eddie—wait till it passes!"

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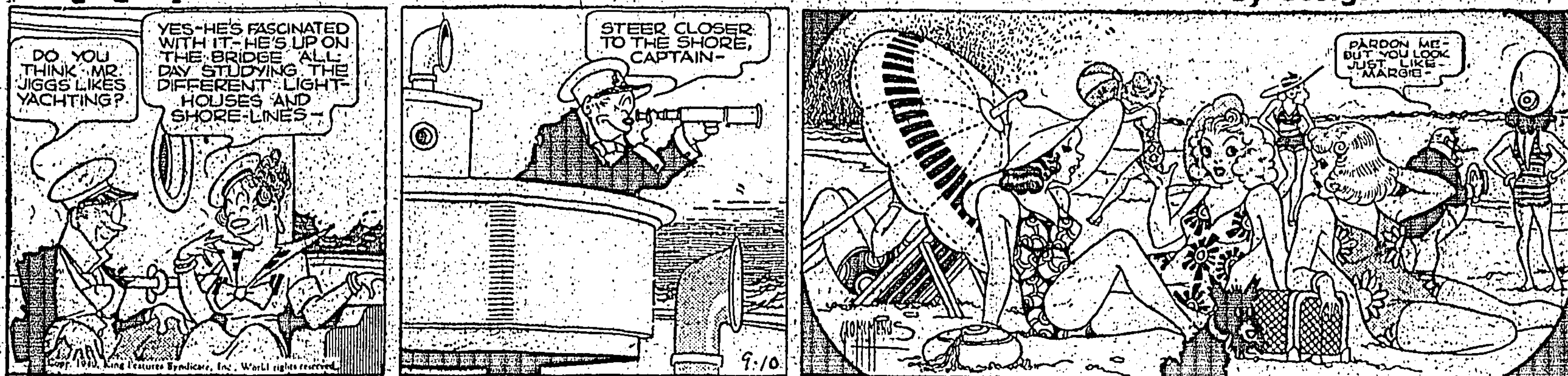
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Reviving A Tired Body

As with most women, days come along which seem too much for me! Jammed with appointments, writing to do, and other daily chores. Usually too, these days are followed by evening engagements which are difficult to cancel. But I have scheduled a specific reviving routine which tends to banish fatigue and permit me to face the evening hours with some poise and personal attractiveness.

I close myself in my bedroom refusing to answer telephone or door knockings. Sitting at my dressing table I give my face and neck a thorough massage with plenty of cleansing cream after which I wash with soap and water. Then I dampen and pin up any straggling curls, don a shower cap and apply a cream masque to my skin which I do not take off until after a fifteen-minute relaxing bath. In the bath water I pour my currently favoured scent for I feel if one breathes a lovely perfume as tensed muscles ease, one's spirits get a fillip too. The bath water is as hot as I can stand and when I have lolled long enough I let the cold water run in to cool my skin and then rinse it.

Once out, a brisk drying with a rough turkish towel and a splashing of fragrant cologne makes me ready for fresh underthings.

My hair gets a good brushing too, either before I pin up the curls or after they have set.

### Beauty Angle Rest

Another fifteen minutes is spent reclining on my bed with my feet higher than my head and my hips raised with pillows. My eyes are covered with herbal eye pads saturated in very hot water (the masque is still on my face). Thus I rest and refuse to think! Every little worry or memorandum I endeavour to drive from my mind. At first this is difficult. My mind races. All the little things I must do to-morrow start to crowd into my thoughts. But with will I can force them



This young beauty prefers the "moonlight-and-loveliness" fragrance of those bath salts which come in an early American glass bottle. It is a delicate floral bouquet and pleasing if you want your bath to revive tired spirits.

out and get a very restful forty winks before getting up. (Every woman could do this if she tried earnestly.)

## For Poise And Health

The woman with strong healthy bones has a better chance of success than she who allows her spine to weaken and grow misshapen. Therefore, spine strengthening and limbering exercises should be included in conditioning schedules. The weak spine or one stiffened from inactivity results in poor posture and often impairs health.

### Don't Be Lazy

Here are four exercises which, when you discover how good they make you feel, you will want to practice every day.



VIRGINIA VALE demonstrates a spine-strengthening and thigh-aligning exercise. From the first position on hands and toes she slowly assumes the squatting position without losing her balance. Note how straight is her back!

Exercise 1. Lie on the floor, clasp hands behind the neck. Keep your legs and knees together, stiffened, and raise them slowly in the air until they are pointing directly to the ceiling. Lower them slowly. Repeat five times if the strain is not too great!

Exercise 2. After relaxing a few seconds stretch out again and tuck your toes under a heavy weight such as a radiator. Stretch your

### Final Groomings

With splashing of clear warm and cold water I remove the cream masque. Then I wash out my eyes, touch up my nails, apply a thin film of make-up foundation, and then the glamour.

After such a schedule (which usually does not take me quite an hour) I leave the house refreshed and feeling somewhat like a beauty editor should feel who knows all the secrets!

arms as much as you can, then slowly raise yourself to a sitting position and continue the movement until you bend over and touch the weight your toes are under. Do this once the first day—three times a day when you master it with ease.

Exercise 3. Now stand up with feet rather wide apart, arms extended and hands clasped above your head. Bend the trunk forward with a swing, allowing your arms to swing forward at the same time and down through your legs as far back as possible. Return to original position. Relax. Repeat three times each day the first week. Increase up to ten times.

Exercise 4. After a little relaxation, lie on your stomach and extend your arms and legs. Stretch tall. Relax and stretch again, reaching as far as you can and pushing down as far as you can. Relax. Now bend your knees and point your toes toward your shoulders, back and grasp both ankles. Keep head and chest up and rock back and forth on your stomach. Relax. Repeat.

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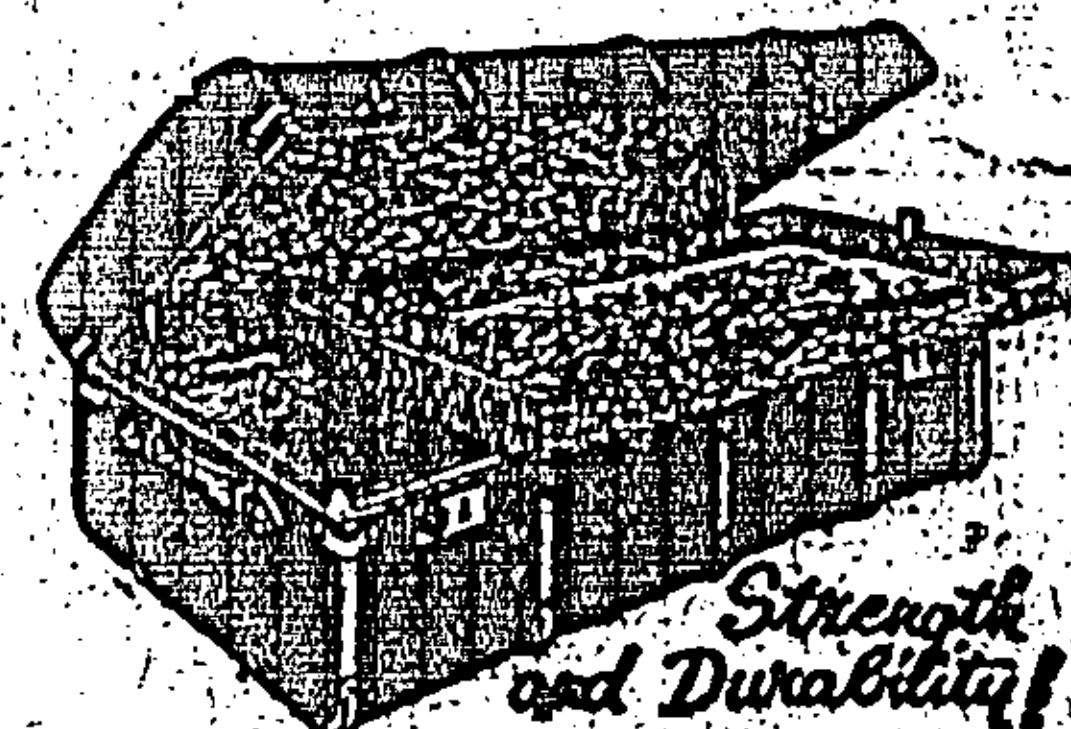
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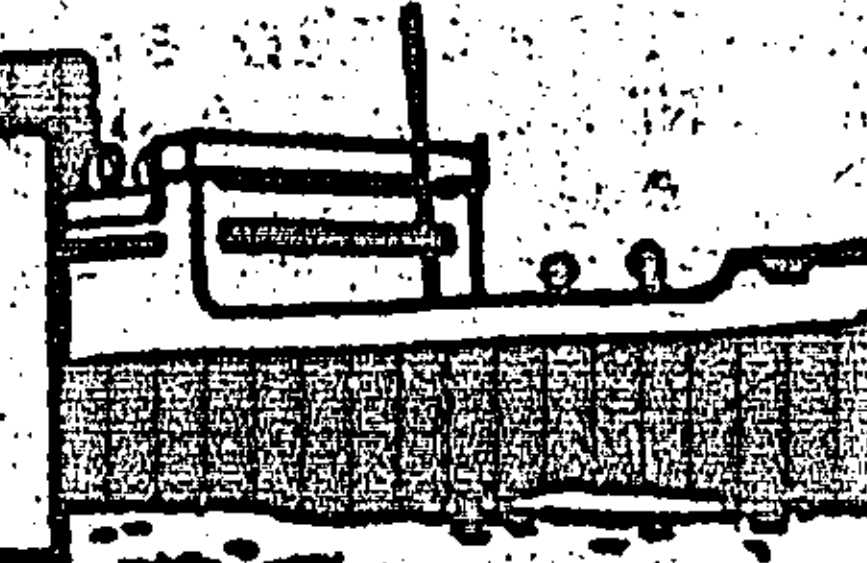


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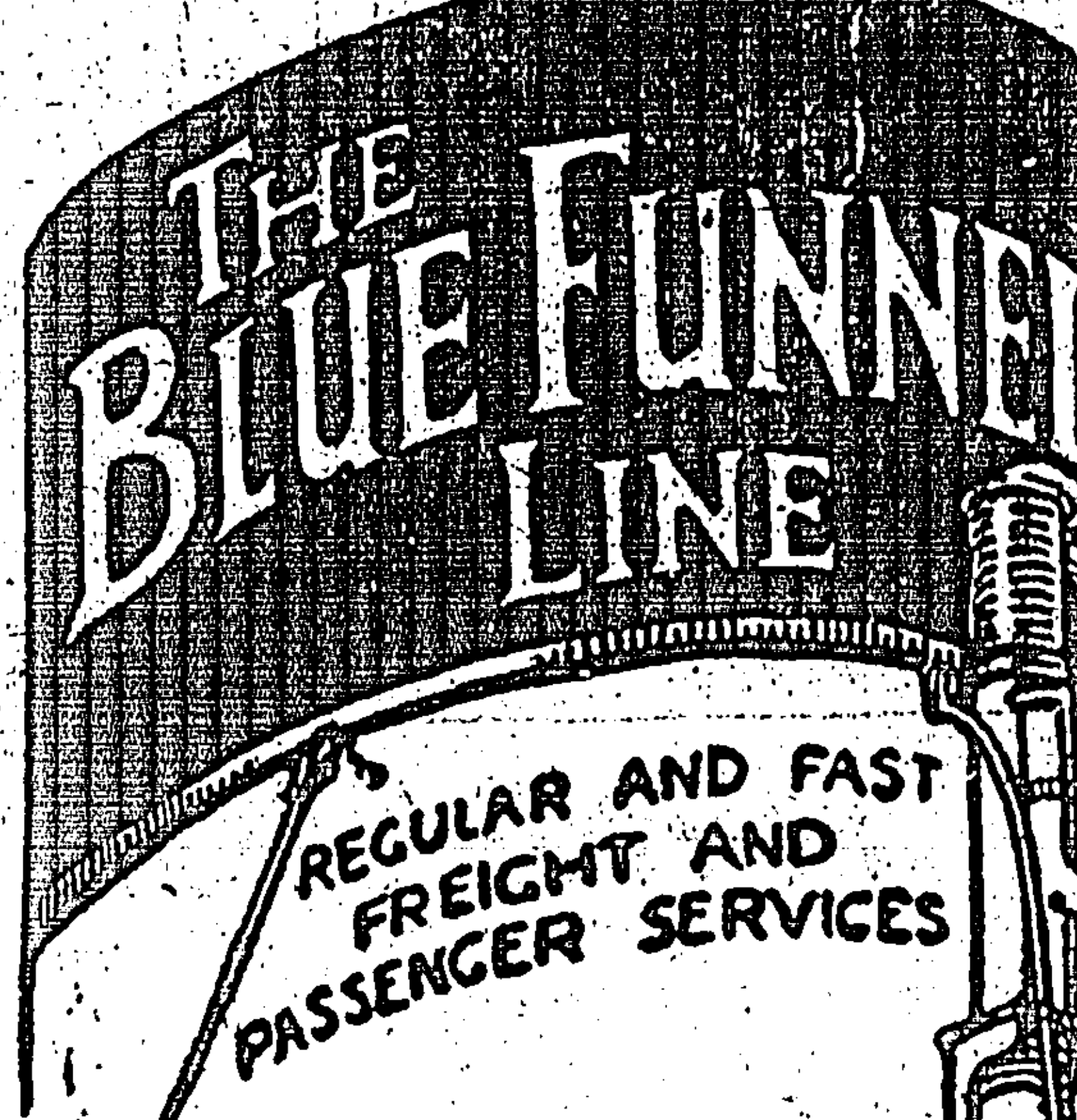
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- 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
- 1.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestra.
- 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Variety.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
- 6.02 p.m.—Dance Music.
- 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
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- "Red Rose" (from "Monsieur Beaucaire"—Messenger) ... Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra.
- 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
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- 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—B. B. C. Variety.
- 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
- 9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".
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# 24TH. BATTERY, R.A. WIN HIGH-SCORING MATCH

## Big Improvement In Second Half After Being Led 4-1

### Hossack Plays A Good Game

By "Referee"

AN EXCITING football match was played at Happy Valley yesterday when 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat "C" Coy., Royal Scots, by the odd goal in nine in the Third Round of the Small Units Competition.

### ANOTHER GUNNERS' VICTORY

At the Valley yesterday 36th Battery, Royal Artillery overwhelmed the Royal Army Medical Corps by 6 clear goals in a Third Division Football League match.

Leading by two goals to nil before the interval, Gunners played a magnificent game throughout, while the Medicals were off form. Jones, centre-forward for the winners, was responsible for three of the goals, Wong Kit-hing, left-winger, (2), while Burgess added another with good shot.

### A CRICKET RECORD

A 22-YEAR-OLD NEW SOUTH WALES WICKET-KEEPER, R. HAGGERS, YESTERDAY EQUALLED THE WORLD RECORD OF CATCHING SEVEN BATSMEN OF THE COMBINED

Gunners, at the interval, were being led by 4 goals to 1 but in the second half they played very well to wipe out the deficit and snatch an unexpected win in the last few minutes of the game.

Hossack the Battalion leader was the most dangerous of the Royal Scots' forwards, Parnaby and Allen also played well and it was the play of these three that gave Royals such a convincing lead at the interval.

Minshall in Battery's goal, played well but the rest of the Gunners' defence was not very steady in the first half and were guilty of much wild kicking.

In the second half Gunners played better and there was more combination and understanding in the forward line. Owens (2) and Mason placed them on level terms.

The closing stages of the game were exciting and it was only in the last two minutes of the match that Cripps gave the Gunners a win with a good goal.

Hossack, (2) Parnaby and Allen scored for Royals and Owens (2), Mason, (2) and Cripps for Gunners.

QUEENSLAND-VICTORIA SIDE IN A MATCH IN AID OF PATRIOTIC FUNDS AT BRISBANE.

Incidentally the last occasion the feat was achieved was on the same ground, when Don Tallon, the Queensland wicket-keeper, caught seven Victoria batsmen in the 1938/9 season.—Reuter.

### APPEAL TO COLONY SPORTSMEN

A meeting of representatives of most of the Recreation Clubs of the Colony was held at Gloucester Hotel yesterday under the joint chairmanship of Messrs. O. W. Luke, chairman of South China Athletic Association and Mr. H. K. Lee chairman of Chinese Club and representative of Sing Tao on the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association.

The object of the meeting was to make an appeal to athletes not already doing their bit for the Colony, to join the Auxiliary Fire Service.

A large number of enrolment forms, and other data was distributed to those present and a good response is expected.

### C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

Following will represent the Civil Service C.C. at cricket on Saturday:

1st XI v Combined Small Units (Home):—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, D. J. Holidge, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, J. L. Smith, R. G. K. Thompson and N. Whitley.

2nd XI v Police (Away):—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, Mitchell, G. Stone, A. Watson and A. M. J. Wright.

### Sunday's Game

On Sunday an intra-club match will be played between the "Stayputs" and the "Sentaways."

The "Stayputs" will be represented by H. F. Harper, M. N. Rakusen, J. R. Carr, I. Agafuroff, B. Agafuroff, E. W. Simmonds, H. C. Cunningham, M. E. Purvis, F. Haynes, E. Hendrick and R. Orchard.

The following will play for the "Sentaways":—P. D. Crawley, C. J. Walker, T. Seddon, E. Maynard, J. Lacey, M. E. Scott, J. Benda, W. J. Skinner, J. Hempsey, V. Ebbage and H. Parrott.



### NAVY RUGBY TEAMS

Following are this week's Navy Rugby Teams:

Following will represent Navy "A" v Police "A" on Saturday:

Police "A": Wright, Jeffreys, Lambie, Teare and Gracie; Smith and Wilson; Inalls, Brown, Baugh, Beattie, Thornhill, Taylor, Casey and Poole.

Reserves:—Lilley, Faulkner, Skinner, Eager, Manfield and Wm. King.

### To-morrow

v CLUB  
Gracie, Wilson, Honeywill and McGill; O'Riordan and Tel. Bowden; Stockham, Watson (Capt.), Longmuir, Jones, King, Paul, Bages and Danger. Reserves:—Wright, Addle, Wilson, Mitchell, Poole and Hughes.

### ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

IN the Small Units' Football Competition two teams have already reached the semi-final, and tomorrow "H.Q." Coy., Middlesex will meet the 36th R.A. at Chatham Road.

### Small Units Football

kick-off 3 p.m.  
Last week "D" Coy. Royal Scots created a surprise by beating the well-fancied Air Force team by four goals to one. The other team to enter the semi-final was "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots, who beat 22nd Coy. Engineers by four goals to two.

In the top half of the competition "H.Q." Coy. Royal Scots will play either "H.Q." Coy. Middlesex or 36th R.A., and in the bottom half "D" Coy. Royal Scots play either "C" Coy. Royal Scots or the 24th Bty. R.A.

Royal Scots have done well so far by getting two teams into the semi-final and they might have a third: it would be a good final if two Scots teams managed to get into the final.

The final will be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, December 18, and the Officer Commanding, Major General A. E. Grasset, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has been asked to present the Shield and Cups at the conclusion of the match.

At Sookunpoo on Saturday, Middlesex and Royal Scots played each other in their first meeting of the season and Middlesex won by two goals to one.

Middlesex juniors also accounted for the Scots juniors by two goals to one.

THE following have been selected to represent the Combined Small Units against the Y.M.C.A. at

### Hockey

King's Park on Thursday 28th, bully off 5 p.m.

L/Cpl. Truscott (Sigs); Sepoy Mohammed Ayub (I.M.D.) and Sig. Harrington (Sigs); Jem Kartar Singh (I.M.D.), Maik Bagh Singh (I.M.D.) and Cpl. Gorman (Sigs); L/C. Govier (Sigs); Lt. Belton (Y. & L.R.), L/C. Holland (Sigs); Sgt. Bartlett (R.A.F.) and S/S. Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

In the Hong Kong Hockey Tournament Signals beat University by four clear goals at Pokfulam on Sunday.

Cpls. Husband and Spare; L/Cpl. Digman, and Sig. Price each scored one each.

In the Departmental Hockey Shield League, Signals beat the Combined Military Hospital on Saturday by three goals to one, which success puts them in the limelight for Combined honours with the Air Force, if the latter lose to the Combined Military Hospital.

AT Sookunpoo on Saturday Command Headquarters' cricket team were unlucky not to beat the Air Force in their first game of the season. They were not at full strength but made a fair score of 103. The Air Force were only 88 for eight when the game had to stop owing to falling light.

Capt. Dewar was well on form with his bowling, taking 5 for 20, and he also made a useful 30 runs, in which was included seven boundaries. Cpl. Ingelby also did well and took 3 for 12, besides being the next best scorer with 27 runs.

Royal Scots did well to beat Police in a friendly at Happy Valley on Saturday by 107 runs. Lieut. Fergus taking 7 for 22. He took his last four wickets for no runs. Capt. Patterson was the highest scorer with 29 runs.

THE Preliminary round of the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament will take place on the following dates, each match to start at 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 3rd.—H.Q. Coy. Royal Scots v 22nd Coy. Engineers.  
Dec. 5th.—B. Coy. Royal Scots v R.A.M.C.  
Dec. 7th.—C. Coy. Royal Scots v H.K.V.D. Corps.

Dec. 10th.—7th A.A. Bty., R.A. v R.A.S.C.

To-day the following will play in the Individual Billiards Championship, at the Soldiers Club. 2.30 p.m.

Capt. Scotcher v Sgt. Brackenbury.

Pte. Cochrane v Pte. Gordon.

Pte. Nisbet or Sgt. Bevan v Sgt. Carden.

4 p.m.

Gnr. Colghlin v Pte. Ross.

Cpl. Harvey v S/C. Gardner.

Sgt. Clark v Sgt. Hamlin.

Following is Thursday's programme:—

2.30 p.m.

Pte. Huth v Sgt. Wyre.

S/C. Wardle v Sgt. Whitton.

S/S. Adam v S.Q.M.S. Wood.

4 p.m.

B.S.M. Rawlins v Q.M.S. Pettit.

Pte. Bailey v Spr. Monaghan.

L/Cpl. Willis v Sgt. Dean.

3 p.m.

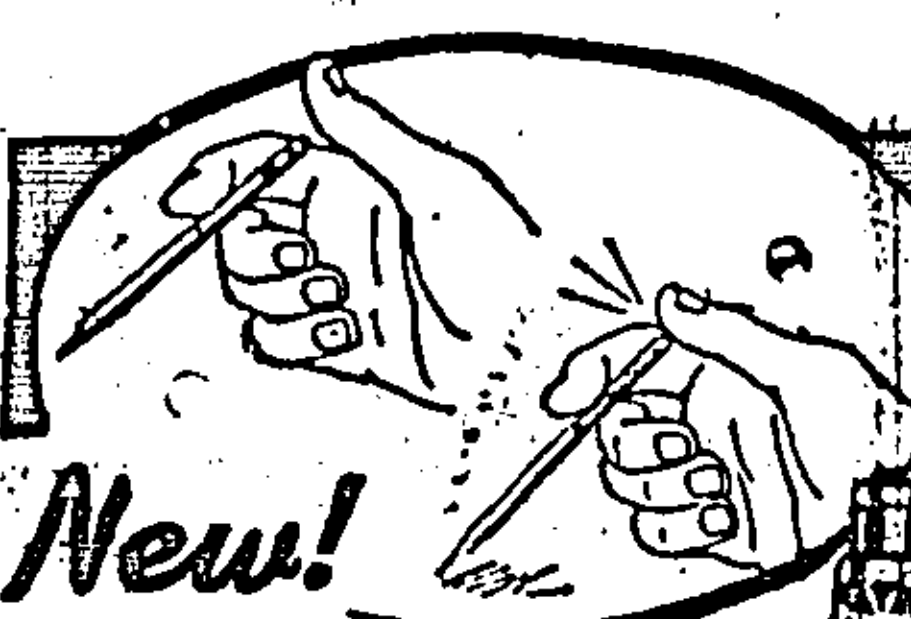
Sgt. Chalcraft v L/Cpl. Fowler.

Cpl. Duncan v Pte. Whybro.

Pte. Myles v Sgt. Murphy.

### WEIGHTS FOR SATURDAY

The following are the weights for the third race of the Twelfth Extra race meeting to be held on Saturday.—Avon (149) Bear Claw (151), Eve of Folly (140), Eve of Reason (147), For All Time (153), Galaxy (145), Grotber (168), Hillsboro Bay (152), Hopeful Star (157), Hughber (140), Jennifer (145), Jobber (145), Johnber (168), Kentucky (158), Oonagh (160), Red Feather (157), Rose Emily (141), Thirty Six (140).



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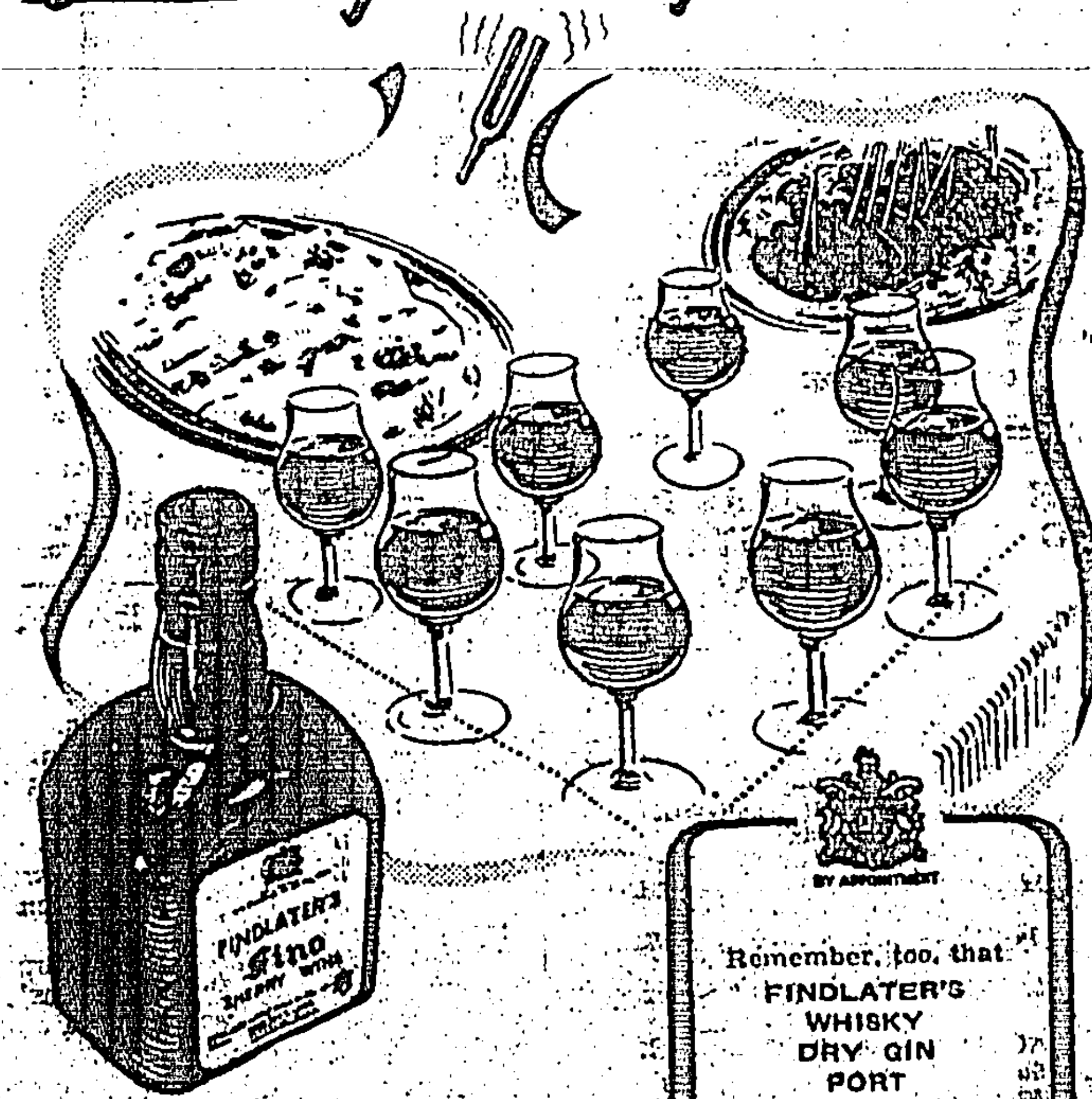


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# CATERING FOR THE SERVICES IN RUGBY IN BRITISH ISLES

AS NOBODY EXPECTS the Rugby Unions to do anything about anything for the duration, here's three all cheer sirens for the seven London clubs, who, all on their own, are seeing to it the unattached Services player is going to get as much Rugby fun as possible during leave-time this coming season, writes L. V. Manning.

Rosslyn Park, Guy's, Wasps, Old Millhillians, Metropolitan Police, St. Mary's and Barts have placed their grounds at the disposal of a new London Services club which these clubs mean to organise and also see it gets a full set of decent fixtures—no easy task in this stupidly exclusive London Rugby world, as I guess the newly-formed British Empire club knows by now.

The sole objective is to ensure that the Service player on leave far from his club base gets a game.

No subscription, and, I hope, no old school-tie complexes, and no frown from H.M.S. Twickenham.

Not that the boys behind this scheme will worry if there are. My prophecy is that the Services secretary will be Bill Ramsey, the successful Middlesex County hon. secretary.

## A Way They Have In Rugby

Last war the Rugby Union allowed Rugby League players to play for any recognised club or regimental fifteen.

The new British Empire Club, I believe, wants to know if this goes for the present war and for them. So do lots of us.

If I know my Twickenham, they will say "mebbe" or something equally Scottish.

At least two clubs have refused the British Empire club fixtures... it's a way they have in Rugby.

## Precedent

I read that the new club hopes to play a Scots international fifteen at Murrayfield.

They have as much chance of bringing this off as a match against a Sino-Japanese team at Timbuctoo with the Grand Lama and Mussolini as the touch judges and Goebbels referee.

And I suppose it's no good reminding Twickenham that in 1915 the exclusive Barbarians played a professional (Lieut. Gwyn Thomas) against a South African fifteen in a charity match at Richmond. Clem Lewis put that over.

Rugby men everywhere will be glad to hear that Scottish international D. J. Macrae, reported missing, is a prisoner.

## BEASLEY CUP FINAL MEMORY

PAT BEASLEY, THE PLAYER LEFT OUT AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF TWO ARSENAL CUP FINAL TEAMS, IS IN LONDON NOW, AND WILL BE IN THE ARSENAL TEAM SHORTLY.

Behind the first final he missed was, perhaps, the most dramatic back-stage episode of all Cup history, and Pat could have blamed me, but never did, writes L. V. Manning.

The boy, in his second season with Arsenal, had been chosen by Herbert Chapman for the 1932 Final with Newcastle in place of the injured Joe Hulme, and his name actually appeared in the team sent to the evening papers by the Arsenal chief.

## Stormy Midnight Scene

Meantime, I found out that Joe had unexpectedly recovered, and made a midnight journey to Arsenal's Brighton training camp three days before the Final with convincing evidence that Hulme, who had been left in London, was perfectly fit. I told Chapman I would print my story—and telephoned it in his presence. Herbert was furious, and next morning sent out the team with Beasley at outside right.

But by Friday he was convinced I was right, and Hulme played after a memorable secret trial on the Brighton ground. James also figured in that amazing try-out, but broke down after a tackle by trainer Tom Whittaker.

Beasley was chosen for the Arsenal Final four years later, but again lost his place on the Friday owing to the surprise recovery of James. Alex later tried hard to persuade Pat to take his own medal, but Beasley would not accept, and won one for himself—a loser's—with Huddersfield two years later.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



JIMMY THOMSON EMPLOYS FAST DOWN-SWING—UNCOILS POWERFUL MUSCLES



WRIST LASH ACCELERATES SPEED AT IMPACT, WITH RIGHT HAND SLAPPING CLUBHEAD THROUGH

## Fast Wrist Action BY BEST BALL

There is little doubt that Jimmy Thomson's powerful physique has a great deal to do with his long distance drives. Yet even more important is his fast wrist lash as he whips the clubhead through the ball. Some golfing statistician has figured out that a little over four-fifths of the speed of the clubhead is manufactured by wrist action, while the remaining one-fifth is divided up between the arms and shoulders. Thomson's arms are husky, his shoulders wide and the entire combination can drive the ball some 300 yards down the fairway.

Bobby Jones once said that other things being equal, it is the golfers with the greater power in the back, midsection and shoulders who can put the extra yardage on the ball. So Thomson seems particularly gifted here as well in his wrist action.

Thomson takes a full swing, coiling his muscles into a taut springlike formation at the top of the stroke. His downswing is rapid but he has the capacity of timing the uncocking of his wrists, until the proper moment in the hitting area is reached. At impact the right hand slaps the clubhead through the ball with great velocity.

Next Article: — Smooth Swinging.

## "Y" JUNIORS WIN CLOSE HOCKEY GAME

After a close and keen contest, Y.M.C.A. Juniors defeated a team representing one of H.M. Gunboats by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey match, played at King's Park yesterday afternoon, after sharing two goals at the interval.

The Sailors opened the scoring through Collard, and Spare equalised for "Y" before the interval, while Ireson registered the deciding goal in the second half.

## UNIVERSITY HOCKEY CLUB OFFICERS

The following officers to serve for the season 1940-41 were elected yesterday at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong University Hockey Club:—

Chairman:—Hans Raj.  
Captain:—K. Y. Tam.  
Vice-Captain:—N. V. Lingam.  
Hon. Secretary:—N. H. Low.  
Asst. Hon. Secretary:—Syed Mahmood.  
Committee Members:—N. C. Sen Gupta, D. Chelliah, S. A. Vamam, T. P. Chin and L. Gutierrez.

## SOVIET WEIGHT LIFTERS MAKE NEW RECORDS

SOVIET WEIGHT-Lifters captured 26 of the 35 world records in all the five weight categories in Moscow early this month. Of the remaining nine, five belong to Germany and one to Egypt, Britain, France and Japan respectively.

In the traditional day of weight-lifting contests, in the Soviet Union, records are usually broken; this year was no exception.

## BOXING DAY

### "SOFT-BALL"

Some good entertainment if not very skillful play, will be seen at Kowloon Football Club on the morning of Boxing Day. In aid of the Bomber Fund will be staged an Over Forties v. Under Forties softball game between members of K.F.C., which will be followed by a match between the "pick of the girls" and the Kowloon Police.

It is rumoured that books containing the rules of softball are now much in demand as the K.F.C. stalwarts are endeavouring to familiarise themselves with a game which it is certain not more than one per cent. of those who will take part have played before.

Competition for a seat on the committee to pick the girls' team is also keen and it has not yet been decided whether selection will be based on skill or pulchritude!

Further details will be forthcoming when available so—watch these columns!

Nikolai Shatov, well-known Soviet light-weight, in a two-handed snatch, lifted 117½ kilograms, bettering the previous record, established by the Egyptian Chams, by one kilogram.

Grigori Novak, middle-weight, cleared 122½ kilograms in a two-handed snatch, 500 grams better than the official record belonging to Towny (Egypt). In a two-handed clear-and-press his result was 126 kilograms, improving on his own world record by 700 grams. Sergo Ambartsumyan's world record of 98.7 kilograms in left-handed snatch had remained unbeaten for two years, until he beat it himself this year by 1.2 kilograms.

## Better Own Records

Several other athletes bettered their own world records; Manukyan (semi-heavy-weight), snatching 95 kilograms 850 grams with his left; Krylov (middle-weight), 92 kilograms in left-handed snatch; Mekhanik (light-weight) 86 kilograms in left-handed snatch.

Weight-lifting is a popular sport in the USSR and has over 25,000 devotees. It is most developed in the republic of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaidjan, from where a number of world record-holders hail.

Soviet weight-lifters have attended a number of international meets during the past fifteen years. In 1937 a Soviet team took first place at the International Workers' Contests in Antwerp. In the same year Soviet weight-lifter Kasayanik met the French athlete Vuillaume, in a contest from which Kasayanik emerged victor.—Tass.



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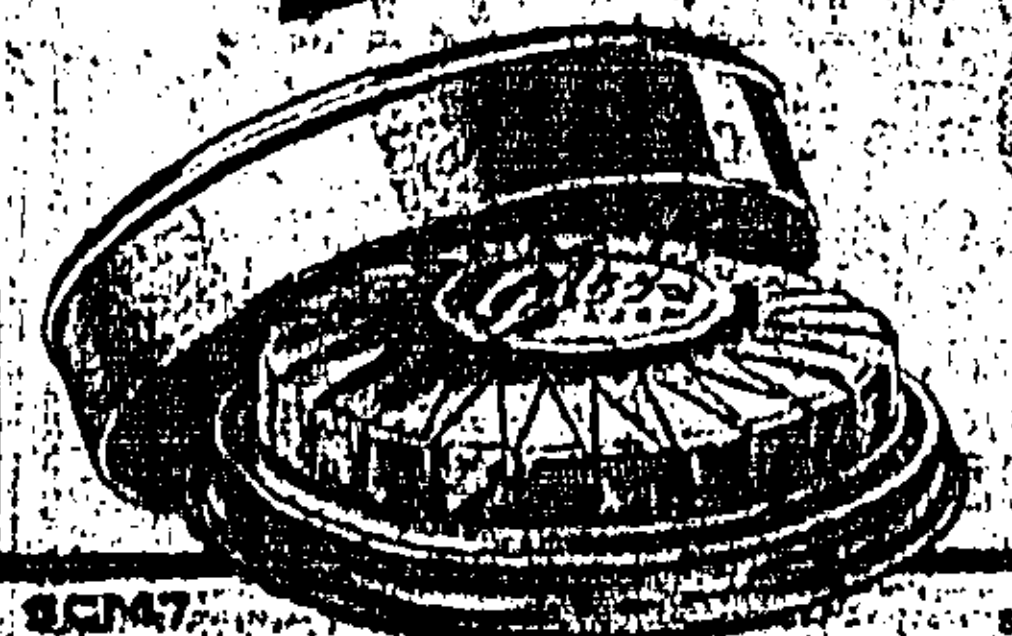
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# RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

## Nazi Tactics In Poland Against All Churches

### ANOTHER CONGRESS LEADER GAOLED

Dr. T. S. Rajan, former Congress Minister in Madras, and the first ex-Minister to be arrested for practising civil disobedience, was sentenced at Trichinopoly yesterday to a year's imprisonment and a fine of £75.—Reuter.

### AIR CREWS FLOWING TO R.A.F.

The Empire Air Training Scheme — which was started at the beginning of the war to exploit the resources of the British Commonwealth of Nations in men and material — is already providing reinforcements for the Battle of 1941.

During the week-end, the first contingent of men trained in Canada under the scheme arrived in England. All are Pilot-Officers and Sergeants trained as Air Ob-

## Catholic Priests Shot Or Imprisoned

**RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION** in Poland, contrary to German-inspired reports, is being steadily intensified, according to reliable circles in London yesterday.

It was stated that 400 Polish Catholic priests have been deported to Germany. Many were executed and the remainder placed in concentration camps.

Roman Catholic churches are being gradually closed down. The position of Polish Protestants, numbering about 400,000, is stated to be even worse. All Polish Protestant priests in the provinces have been imprisoned.

servants, who are described by the Air Ministry as the "Eye and Brain of our Aircraft."

The Observer guides the pilot over enemy territory at night and may also manipulate the bomb-aiming sights and drop the bombs. All the men in this contingent were Canadians, but there are a large number of Australians, New Zealanders and men from Britain who are also undergoing advanced training in Canada.

Trained pilots and air-gunners are also being turned out in Australia and New Zealand. Some have already arrived in Britain and others will go directly to places overseas.

From now on, pilots, observers and air gunners from different parts of the Commonwealth will be arriving in Britain in ever-increasing numbers. — Reuter.

Polish nuns staffing schools and hospitals have been deported.

In the district of Kallisz, in western Poland, 40 per cent. of all Protestants out of a total of 10,000, have been arrested and deported to German labour camps.

The issue of all Polish Protestant publications is strictly forbidden. — Reuter.

### PAGE MR. RIPLEY

**Breakdown of Axis "collaboration" in the air war over Britain has had one curious sequel, wrote Reuter's air correspondent yesterday.**

The escort of Italian fighters sent over the Channel recently to protect German bombers was so badly handled by British fighters that they fled and left their Nazi comrades to fend for themselves.

It has now been ascertained that when the scattered German formation returned home their pilots ferreted out the Italian pilots.

Arguments led to blows and blows to shots. It is reported that some of the combatants were killed. — Reuter.

### AMERICAN FINANCIAL AID TO BE DISCUSSED

(Continued from Page 1) could give Britain in 1941, to which he had replied: "Aero-planes, munitions, ships and finance."

His reference to the financial position referred entirely to the situation created under the legislation under which Britain had to pay cash for purchases in the United States.

At no time was the general economic and financial position of Britain referred to.

### American Dollar Position

Questions and answers dealt only with the specific American dollar position and had been universally interpreted in this sense in the United States press.

After conferring with President Roosevelt for 80 minutes yesterday, Lord Lothian told reporters: "The President and I never mentioned finance at all."

### America's Help

Lord Lothian said President Roosevelt wanted to get the story of England and her resistance to bombing attacks.

Lord Lothian said he gave the President a picture of the situation in England "that was optimistic if we get some help from you."

The Ambassador declared: "The President made no promise of any sort" and added: "I didn't discuss any specific problem with him." — Reuter.


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### STOP PRESS

The red ball, signifying the preliminary alarm, went up in Chungking yesterday when five Japanese aircraft were sighted crossing the Szechuen border in the vicinity of Fengtsieh. Early reports gave no information of a local raid. — Reuter.

There have been no further developments in connection with suggestions that the credits of all belligerents in Washington be frozen.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday said some officials were considering the matter. — Reuter.



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SIR HUBERT GOUGH ON GREECE

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## AMERICAN FINANCIAL AID TO BE DISCUSSED

### NO BANK HOLIDAY AT XMAS

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War workers are officially asked to take one day off only—either on Christmas Day or New Year's Day—and there will be no extra travel facilities over the holiday period.

Giving guidance to industry in regard to working arrangements at Christmas and the New Year, the Ministry of Labour yesterday stated that the flow of production for war purposes is great and ever increasing in spite of the efforts of the enemy

### Lord Lothian's Comment Clarified

#### GREEKS TAKE 8,000 MORE PRISONERS

The Greeks have taken 8,000 more Italian prisoners in Albania, it was officially announced in Athens yesterday, says Reuter.

to impede it, but this is not the moment for any slackening off. The more the flow of production is accelerated the earlier will be the day of final victory.—Reuter.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD LOTHIAN, OF AMERICAN CREDITS TO BRITAIN, WAS MADE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

In reply to interrogation the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said the whole question of financial aid to Britain would apparently have to be considered by governmental and congressional authorities with a view to establishing a basic policy before specific methods were discussed.

Mr. Cordell Hull said he could not without further study express an opinion whether some form of assistance might be found possible without revision of the Johnson and Neutrality Acts by Congress.

It was announced at the White House that Lord Lothian would confer with President Roosevelt in the afternoon. Following a conference which President Roosevelt had with Congressional leaders yesterday Senator Barkley expressed the opinion that the question of British credits would not be taken up in the current session of Congress.

#### Answers To Questions

Interviewed by Reuter yesterday about queries from London on his statement to newspapermen on Saturday, Lord Lothian said these queries were clearly (Continued On Page 10)

### FOUR DIVISIONS CUT UP

(By Reuter's special correspondent in Greece)

Four Italian divisions, it is estimated, so far have been cut up and destroyed on the Albanian front since the outbreak of war, I was informed in Athens to-night.

It was added that the single armoured division consisting of two columns with which Italy began the war had been thoroughly dislocated and temporarily was practically useless.

Military experts confirmed that the general Greek advance was continuing and that several new strategic operations were developing, but at the same time they sounded a note of caution.

"Don't expect the Greek command to state in its communiques everything it achieves," it was stated.—Reuter.

man formation returned home their pilots ferreted out the Italian pilots. Arguments led to blows and blows to shots. It is reported that some of the combatants were killed.—Reuter.

### BULGARIA DISAPPOINTS AXIS POWERS

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. POPPOFF, ARE NOT AFTER ALL GOING TO BERLIN, ACCORDING TO A DENIAL ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE ITALIAN STEFANI AGENCY WHICH THUS CANCELS STATEMENTS BROADCAST BY ROME RADIO ON SATURDAY.

Stefani yesterday quoted authorised circles as saying that no visit by Bulgarian politicians is for the present expected in the Reich capital.

"Enemy propaganda" is blamed for the reports.

In the meantime, the speedy denial given by the official Soviet news agency to German newspaper reports regarding Hungary's adherence to the Tri-Partite Pact is interpreted by diplomatic circles in Moscow as a re-statement of the Soviet Union's neutrality and an affirmation that the Soviet stands outside the Axis.

The report concerned appeared in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" which declared that Hungary's adherence to the Pact was made with the approval and cooperation of the Soviet Union.

Apart from the Tass agency denial of this report no reaction has yet appeared to the Slovakian

adherence to the Pact or similar action on the part of Rumania and Hungary

#### Soviet Leader Sees King Boris

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA YESTERDAY RECEIVED M. SOBOLOV, LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE DANUBE CONFERENCE

SINCE HIS RECENT ARRIVAL IN SOFIA M. SOBOLOV ALSO HAD INTERVIEWS WITH THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. POPPOFF.—REUTER

### Ulster's New Premier

The new Prime Minister of Northern Ireland will be Mr. John Miller Andrews, who has been Minister of Finance in the Northern Ireland Cabinet since 1937.

Mr. Andrews succeeds the late Lord Craigavon, who died at his home suddenly two days ago.

Mr. Andrews will continue to hold the office of Minister of Finance, according to a statement issued officially after a meeting of the Northern Ireland Cabinet yesterday.

Mr. Andrews has accepted the office of Prime Minister until the Ulster Unionist Council has chosen a new party leader.

Mr. Andrews had been closely associated with the late Lord Craigavon and had been known as Lord Craigavon's right-hand man.—Reuter

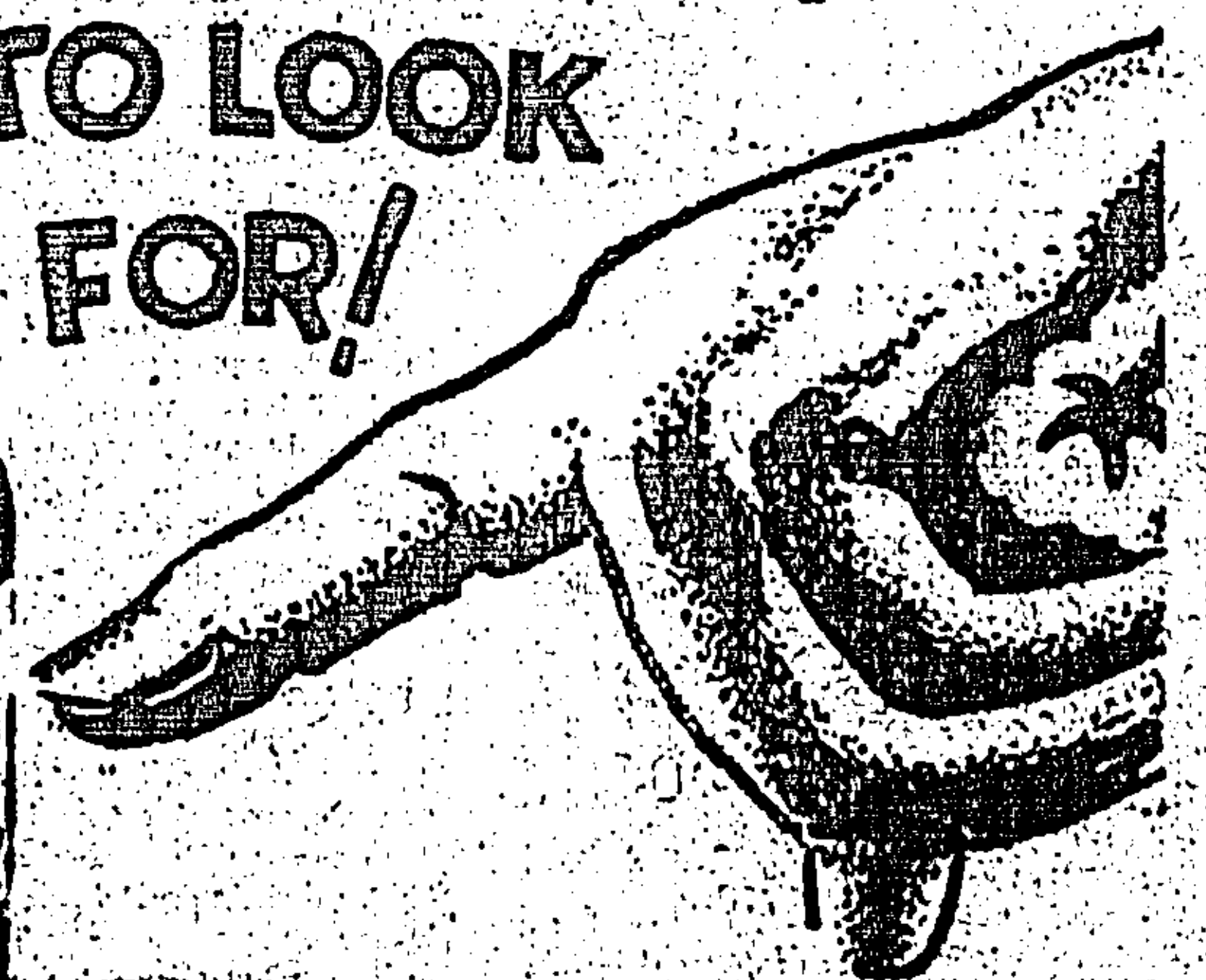
### PAGE MR. RIPLEY

Breakdown of Axis "collaboration" in the air war over Britain has had one curious sequel, wrote Reuter's air correspondent yesterday.

The escort of Italian fighters sent over the Channel recently to protect German bombers was so badly handled by British fighters that they fled and left their Nazi comrades to fend for themselves.

It has now been ascertained that when the scattered Ger-

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# GREEK GAIN FOR ALLIED CAUSE

## Sir Hubert Gough On Heavy Defeat Of Italians

### Brings Final Triumph Nearer

(Specially Written for Reuter by General Sir Hubert Gough; the famous cavalry leader and commander of Britain's Fifth Army in France during 1916/1918).

BY GENERAL SIR HUBERT GOUGH

THE WAR IN GREECE, or rather the war against Greece for the Greeks have already carried the war into the enemy's country, has very materially altered the outlook of the whole war.

We in Britain have never doubted our victory but we are prepared for the war to last a long time. The heavy defeat of the Italians, even though it may yet prove only temporary, has gone a long way to bring victory much nearer.

Putting aside the great moral results which must always ensue from any important military success, though I would be the last to underestimate such effects, the material gains are already as great as they were unexpected.

### GOT OUT IN TIME

The courage and resource of the men of the R.A.F. was exemplified yesterday by the pilot of a "Spitfire" who flew his damaged machine over the Channel at sea-level and baled out over Sussex just before his plane blew up.

He was fighting over the Channel when his plane was hit by a cannon-shell.

Five Messerschmidts then came out of the clouds at him.

To use his own words to describe what happened next: —

"I shook them off by cutting down to sea-level and made for my home base."

When the plane was over Sussex, he managed to climb to 2,000 feet, although the controls of his machine had been shot away.

He parachuted down to safety just a moment or two before the "Spitfire" blew up. — Reuter.

### GENERAL WAVELL'S TRIBUTE

A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GREEK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BY GENERAL WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH TROOPS, MIDDLE EAST.

All troops in the Middle East send their warmest congratulations on the capture of Koritza (says the message) and on the brilliant exploits of the Greek Army, "which we are all watching with deep admiration." — Reuter.

### SHA-YU-CHUNG BOMBED YESTERDAY

Sha-yu-chung was bombed and machine-gunned by four Japanese aircraft yesterday. There were a few casualties.

The Italians are not in possession of ports in Salonika and Preveza, nor have they established air bases in northern Greece.

On the contrary their army has lost many guns and much war material and has suffered heavy casualties.

The British Navy should display the greatest activity— threaten if not actually seize many of the Dodecanese Islands and closely patrol the Adriatic Sea.

#### Nazis May Move

The Nazis may be moving down on the Greek flank and rear quite shortly through Yugoslavia and perhaps Bulgaria in a somewhat belated effort to support their Italian ally and restore Axis prestige, already heavily damaged.

But it must be some time before they can arrive. Even if unopposed, it is a march of 550 miles from the frontiers of the Reich, though half that distance from the Rumanian frontier.

It is therefore of great strategic importance for the Greeks to throw back the Italian forces as far to the north as possible before they are called to meet the new threat.

#### Warning Cries

Warning cries are already heard calling on the Greeks to remember the lessons of their last Turkish war when, after a brilliant victory at Rhusoyrha in 1922, they pushed into the heart of Turkey over 350 miles, only to meet a disastrous defeat near Ankara at the hands of Kemal Pasha.

But the situation is not the least dangerous. In this case the Greek left wing in the Epirus sector is only 50 miles from Valona and the right wing only 100 miles from Durazzo.

The prize to be gained if these two ports are quickly seized would be decisive, as far as the Italian army is concerned.

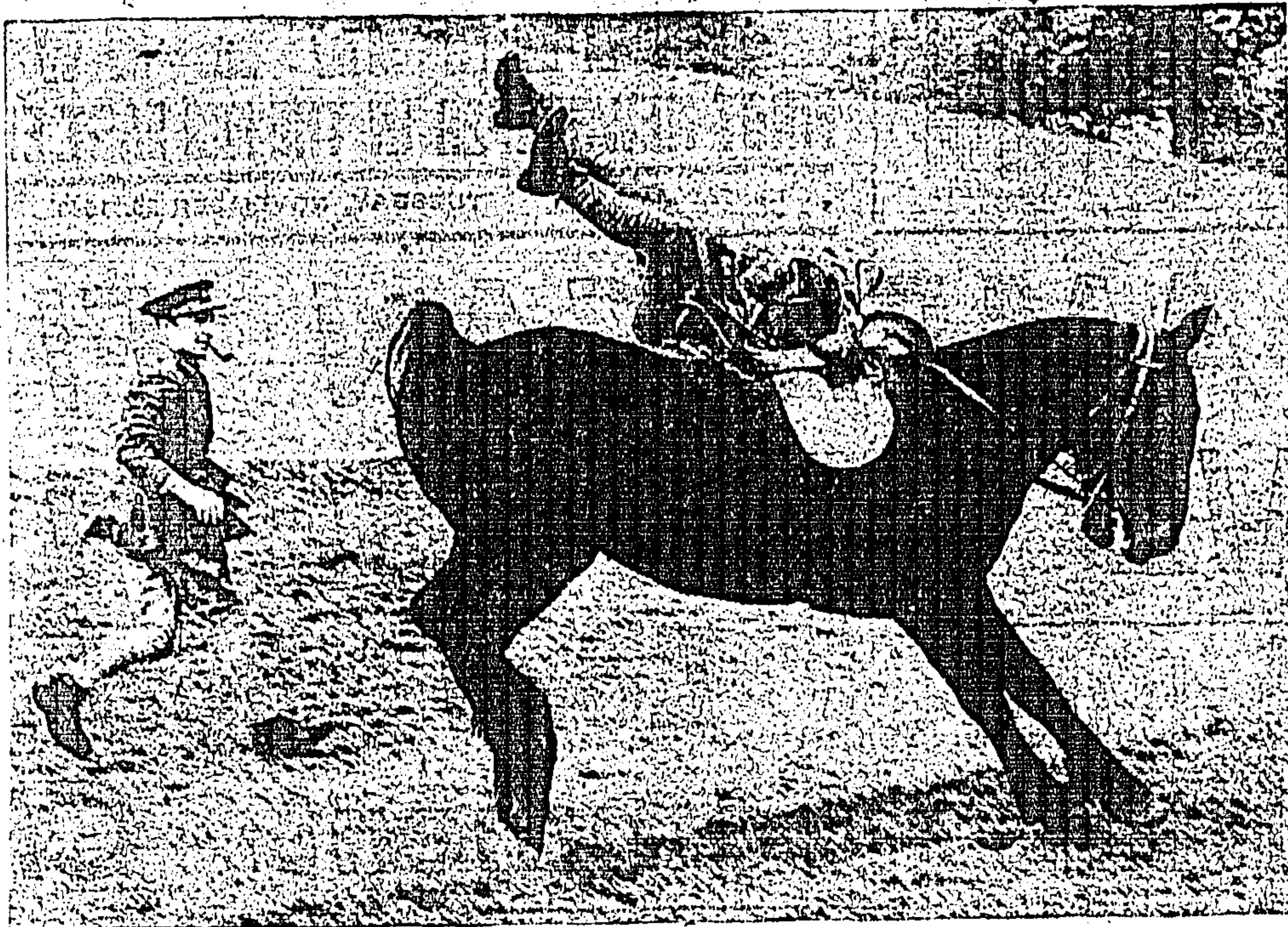
Moreover it should not be overlooked that the moral encouragement of a decisive Greek success with their capture of the ports would be immense in Yugoslavia and Turkey, and even in Bulgaria.

#### Winter Campaign

It would then be very reasonable if a Nazi advance from the north would meet with stern resistance.

The prospect of a winter campaign amidst the snow of the Balkan mountains is one which might well make Hitler hesitate.

He has always sought easy and cheap victories using treachery as his principal weapon. — Reuter.



WHY DIDN'T I JOIN THE TANK CORPS!—A Remount Squadron in training in rural surroundings. "Black Bess," the friskiest horse in the camp, throws her rider. (Copyright, Fox).

### "TEMPLETON" SENDS OUT S.O.S.

Mackay Radio in New York yesterday picked up an S.O.S. message from the British steamer Templeton saying she was being attacked by a submarine. — Reuter.

### UNUSUAL VALLEY INCIDENT

(By "Rapier")

Confusion Bay, Mr. T. K. Li's champion China pony, was the central figure in an unusual incident scene this morning at the Valley.

The pony was taken out by a Chinese riding boy and on reaching the distance post it threw its rider, and then started galloping back towards the six furlong post, where it suddenly stopped. It then began to show keen interest in a new Australian pony ridden by Mr. H. S. Chang, who had difficulty in keeping Confusion Bay away from his pony.

Other ponies returning to the paddock were getting scared and riders had to dismount.

Confusion Bay was however eventually recaptured and taken back to the stable, where the Chinese riding boy again mounted it and completed the morning exercise.

### CHUNGKING AIR RAID ALARM

The red ball, signifying the preliminary alarm, went up in Chungking yesterday when five Japanese aircraft were sighted crossing the Szechuen border in the vicinity of Fengtsich. Early reports gave no information of a local raid. — Reuter.

## STEADY ADVANCE OF THE GREEKS CONTINUES

REPORTS RECEIVED in London yesterday evening from Athens stated that Greek troops have now occupied Podgradetz, 20 miles north of Koritza on the southern shores of Lake Okhrida.

In the south — the Epirus sector on the coast — the Greeks made further advances yesterday.

It is reported that in this sector the Greeks are on the point of entering the important town of Argyrokastron, which, among other things, is the site of one of the major Italian air bases in Albania.

The Italian withdrawal is taking place so fast that the Greek troops are having some difficulty keeping up with the Fascists.

Some reports state that the Italian second line of defence — prepared by General Soddu, the new Fascist commander — will not prove tenable, so swiftly is the position changing.

An Italian communique yesterday said that counter-attacks were being made, but did not say where or with what result.

The communique also admits that the important Albanian port of Durazzo was bombed again Sunday night.

#### War Booty

Reports reaching London speak of the huge quantity of war material captured by the Greeks.

In Moshkopolls alone, 200 undamaged cars were seized, and tanks, lorries, cars and motorcycles have cluttered up the roads in this sector so much that in some places the Greek advance has been slowed up trying to get past the "barriers."

An Athens message last night said that many of the Italian soldiers taken prisoner state that no one in Italy really wants the war.

It is significant that the moment the Greeks entered Koritza the Italians there at once repudiated Mussolini. — Reuter.

### S.P.C.A. FLAG DAY

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The Society desires to express its most grateful thanks to Mrs. Lieper (Hong Kong) and Mrs. Smalley (Kowloon) the St. J.A.B. the Boy Scouts, and all those ladies and helpers who so kindly assisted in making the effort successful.

### NO RESPITE IN THE SUDAN REGION

NO RESPITE IS BEING ALLOWED TO THE ITALIAN FORCES IN THE AREA EAST OF GALLABAT SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY FROM G.H.Q. IN CAIRO.

"Our harassing operations continue," the communique reports. On all other fronts, adds the communique, there is no change in the situation. — Reuter.